

Architectures for Big Data - First assignement

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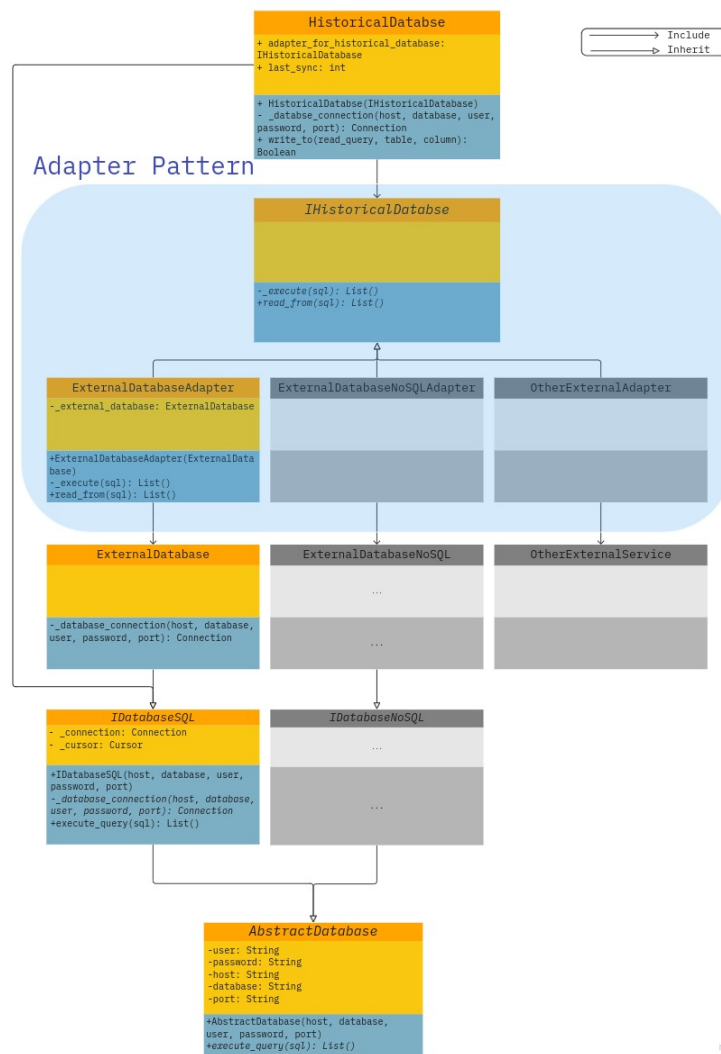
1 Architecture

1.1 Implementation

We developed the architecture later illustrated keeping in mind that we have a single immutable database on which we write (historical database) and possible multiple databases or data sources from which to read.

To interface on these databases or data sources we thought to use multiple adapters to transform the data coming in a writable format on hisotircal database.

1.2 Adapter Pattern



Please note: The gray part is not implemented. We will talk about it in the reusability chapter.

We thought to use **Adapter (Wrapper)** pattern because this allows us to keep the same *historical database* and make it to communicate with different types of *external database*. We want to write into the *historical database*, and we want to read from the *external database*.

This implementation uses the object composition principle: the adapter implements the interface of one object and wraps the other one.

1. *AbstractDatabase* is an abstract class that contains the information to connect with any database.

In the inherit class, you will have to implement `execute_query(...)` method.

2. *IDatabaseSQL* are an abstract class that define behavior of the SQL database.

Since *IDatabaseSQL* inherits from *AbstractDatabase* it must implement `execute_query(...)` method.

In the inherit class, you will have to implement `_database_connection(...)` method.

Assuming that in python any database sql library implement `.connector.connect(...)` and `.cursor()` methods:

- (a) we use `_connection` field to store the connection to the specific database;
- (b) we use `_cursor` field to store the cursor to the specific database.

Note that `_cursor` contains the `.execute(...)` method that is used to execute the query.

3. *ExternalDatabase* is a concrete class that allow us to establish a connection.

Since *ExternalDatabase* inherits from *IDatabaseSQL* it must implement `_database_connection(...)`.

4. *ExternalDatabaseAdapter* is a concrete class that make the data from *ExternalDatabase* readable and writable for *HistoricalDatabase*.

Since *ExternalDatabaseAdapter* inherits from *IHistoricalDatabase* it must implement `_read_from(...)` and `_execute(...)` methods.

Since *ExternalDatabaseAdapter* has a *ExternalDatabase* object and it can execute query or more specifically read the data from it.

(e.g., If the our *HistoricalDatabase* would like to has a list of tuple we should implement this method in the way it returns it)

5. *IHistoricalDatabase* is an interface that contains the declarations of methods that they must be implemented by each adapters.

We expect the `read_from(...)` method returns a fitted content for the *HistoricalDatabase*.

6. *HistoricalDatabase* is a concrete class that contains the methods to execute query into the historical database.

Since *HistoricalDatabase* inherits from *IDatabaseSQL* it must implements `_database_connection(...)`.

Since *HistoricalDatabase* has a *IHistoricalDatabase* object it can get data from it.

To remember the last item we read, we store the identifier of it (ordered) into a `sync.json` file, and when we want to execute the next query, we should read from `sync.json` the identifier.

The `.write_to(...)` mothod use the `.read_from(...)` method of the adapter to get a list of tuple and then it will insert it to historical database.

After this, it will commit the changes.

2 Software Architecture Pillars

2.1 Being the framework for satisfying requirements

Functional

Our code is able to read from the external database and write to the historical database without any problems.

Technical

We are able to read from any database and any table of them, if the adapters of the databases are setted. And we can write on the historical database if the same table exists and the right fields are setted.

Security

Our code could be vulnerable by **sql injection** if the historical and external database doesn't implement internal security feature.

For example:

- We could give the right permission to each user to avoid security issues.
- Implement the **prepare statement** database side, so having queries pre-comipled.

2.2 Being the technical basis for design

In our code you can find an interface called *ClientInterface* and its implementation that allows modularization because the *Client* stay unchanged and you could change, add, delete and modify the *Services* as you prefer.

2.3 Being the managerial basis for cost estimation and process management

2.4 Enabling component reuse

```
1 class IHistoricalDatabase(ABC):
2     @abstractmethod
3     def _execute(self, sql): pass
4
5     @abstractmethod
6     def read_from(self, sql): pass
7
8 class ExternalDatabaseAdapter(IHistoricalDatabase):
9     external_database: ExternalDatabase = ''
10
11     def __init__(self, external_database: ExternalDatabase):
12         self.external_database = external_database
13         print('ExternalDatabaseAdapter has been created')
14
15     def _execute(self, sql):
16         query_res = self.external_database.execute_query(sql)
17         return query_res
18
19     def read_from(self, sql):
20         query_res = self._execute(sql)
21         return query_res
```

Talking about reusability, as you can see in the uml diagram in 1.2 chapter, there are the gray part that are not implemented.

These parts are just examples of external sources that could be implemented if we need to read from other service.

Doing so, we do not need to change the historical database writing code, because we can use external adapters to make writable the data from the external source, as it happens, in our implementation, for the external database class.

Obviously, if you want to create a new adapter, you will have to code a class which will inherit from IHistoricalDatabase. This allows the historical database, which contains an IHistorical database object to not change the internal code.

2.5 Allowing a tidy scalability

Our code allows you to do more INSERT at a time. With an only one Query, thanks to the *ServiceAdapter*, you could read a set of tuples and write them on the historical database with a for loop.

In our code is not implemented, but a possible solution for more scalability is to implement a multi-thread read/write structure.

2.6 Avoiding handover and people lock-in

To avoiding handover and people lock-in we could write more comments and documentation about our code.

3 Testing

We have tested the code by creating table **user1** and **user2** with *id* (Primary Key, Auto Increment), *name* and *surname* respectively and then we have tried to read from **user1** and write to **user2**.

We have used sync.json file to store the last tuple that we read from the **user1**.

Reading this file we were able to resume reading **user1** from the last writing in table **user2**, whitout having read the whole database every time.

For simplicity, we have been using the id filed of the **user1** to keep track the last tuple stored in the sync.json file, and we have read and wrote in the same database instance.

Our tests were performed succesfully.

First execution

```
1 Connection successfull to the:
2           127.0.0.1 test_database root welcome123
3 ExternalDatabaseAdapter has been created
4 Connection successfull to the:
5           127.0.0.1 test_database root welcome123
6
7 Query has been executed:
8       SELECT name, surname FROM user where id > 0
9       ('federico ', 'bruzzone ')
10      ('andrea ', 'longoni ')
11      ('massimiliano ', 'visconti ')
12
13 Query has been executed: INSERT INTO user2 (name, surname)
14                           VALUES ('federico ', 'bruzzone ');
15
16 Query has been executed: INSERT INTO user2 (name, surname)
17                           VALUES ('andrea ', 'longoni ');
18
19 Query has been executed: INSERT INTO user2 (name, surname)
20                           VALUES ('massimiliano ', 'visconti ');
```

Second execution

The second execution did not write data since in the user1 table there are only three tuples and in the our sync.json the counter is set to three after the first execution.

```
1 Connection successfull to the:
2     127.0.0.1 test_database root welcome123
3 ExternalDatabaseAdapter has been created
4 Connection successfull to the:
5     127.0.0.1 test_database root welcome123
6
7 Query has been executed:
8     SELECT name, surname FROM user where id > 3
```