

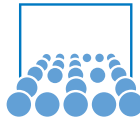
Software Design and Patterns

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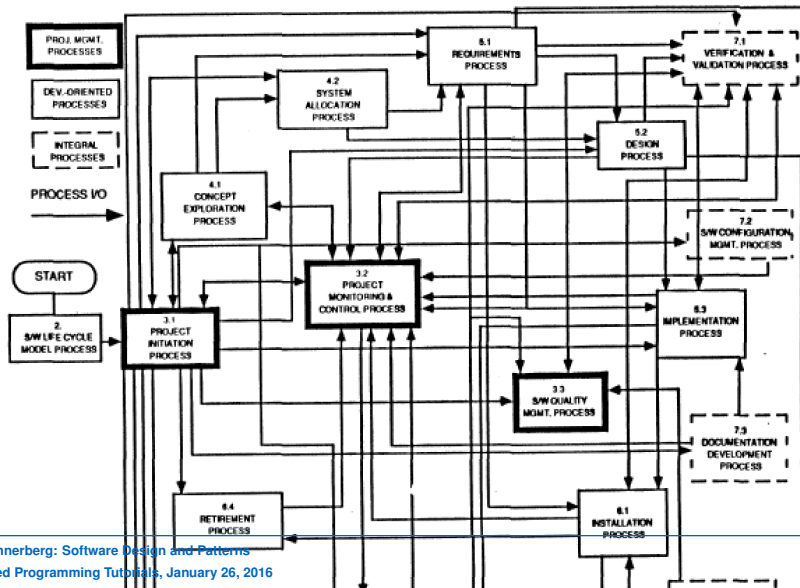
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What is this?!?



Software Engineering Principles

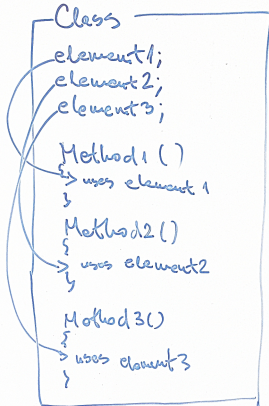
What do we want from our Software?

- Should be **well-suited** to the task (Performance etc.)
- Should be as easy to **make** as possible
- Should be as easy to **modify** as possible
- Should be as **understandable** as possible

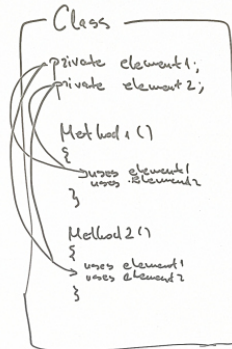
Cohesion

Bad

Low Cohesion

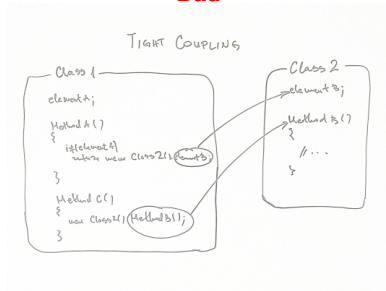
**Good**

High Cohesion

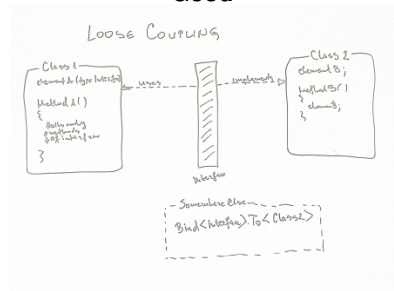


Coupling

Bad



Good



What are Design Patterns?

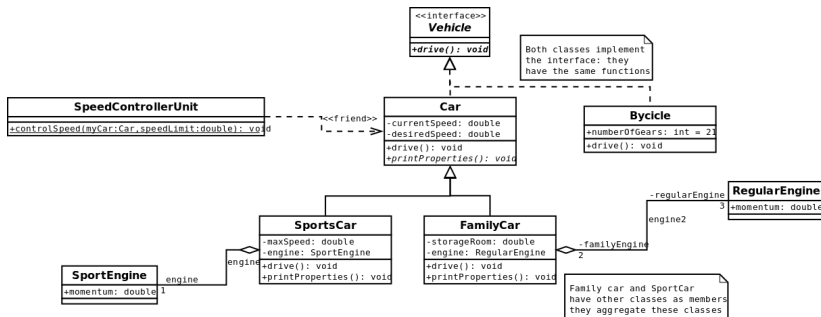
A design pattern systematically names, motivates, and explains a general design that addresses a recurring design problem in object-oriented systems. It describes the problem, the solution, when to apply the solution, and its consequences. It also gives implementation hints and examples. The solution is a general arrangement of objects and classes that solve the problem. The solution is customized and implemented to solve the problem in a particular context.

- from Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software [1]

What makes Design Patterns Good?

- They are generalizations of detailed design knowledge from existing systems
- They provide a shared vocabulary to designers
- They provide examples of reusable designs
 - Polymorphism (Inheritance, sub-classing)
 - Delegation (or aggregation).

Short UML recap



Dependency →

Inheritance →

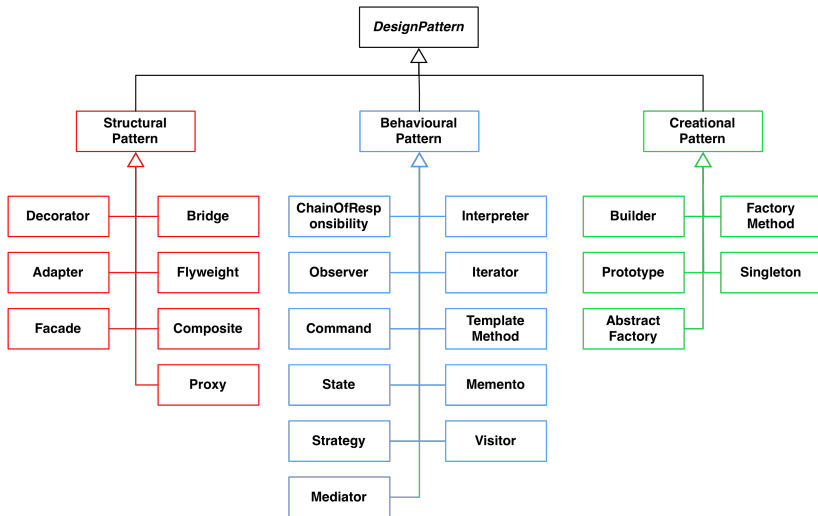
Interface Type Implementation →

Aggregation

Composition

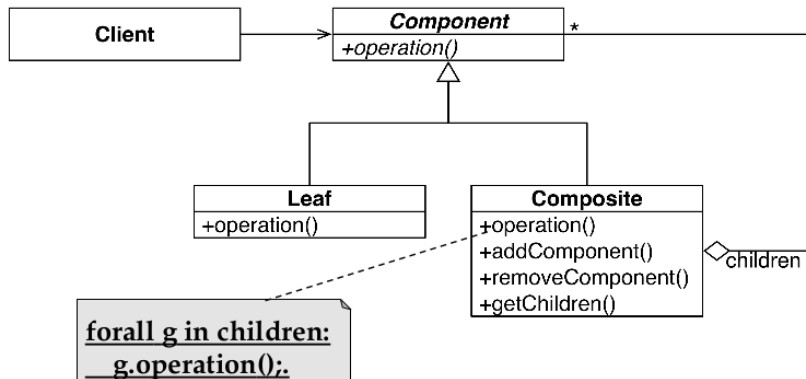
Association

Some Design Patterns

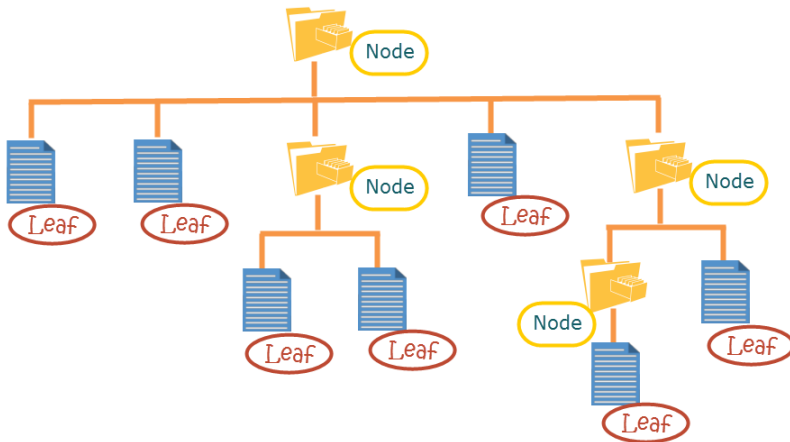


Structural pattern: Composite

...for building trees, lists, anything...



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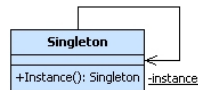
```
1 class Component {  
2 public:  
3     virtual void doStuff() = 0;  
4     virtual ~Component() {}  
5 };
```

```
6 class Leaf : public Component {  
7 public:  
8     virtual void doStuff() {  
9         //do leaf stuff...  
10    }  
11 };
```

```
12 class Composite : public Component {  
13 public:  
14     virtual void doStuff() {  
15         for(auto child : children){  
16             child.doStuff();  
17         }  
18     }  
19     //other methods for adding/removing/finding children etc.  
20 private:  
21     std::list<Component> children;  
22 };
```

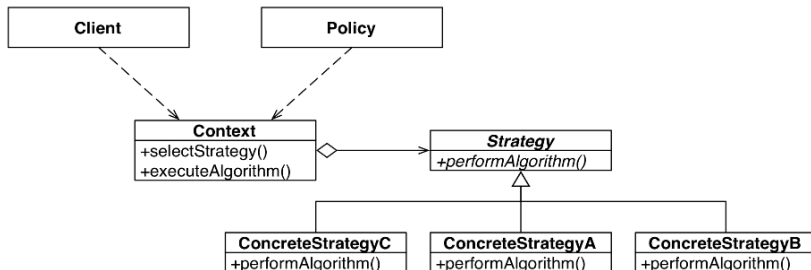
Creational pattern: Singleton

```
1 class Singleton {
2 public:
3     static Singleton& getInstance()
4     {
5         static Singleton uniqueInstance;
6         return uniqueInstance;
7     }
8
9     // ... other methods with stuff you want to do...
10
11 private:
12     Singleton() {}
13     //private constructor =>
14     //can only call/create object from within class!
15
16     //(also have to do with copy assignment operator
17     //and copy constructor to make uncopyable)
18 };
```



Behavioural Pattern: Strategy

Dynamically change which strategy to use based on a **Policy**



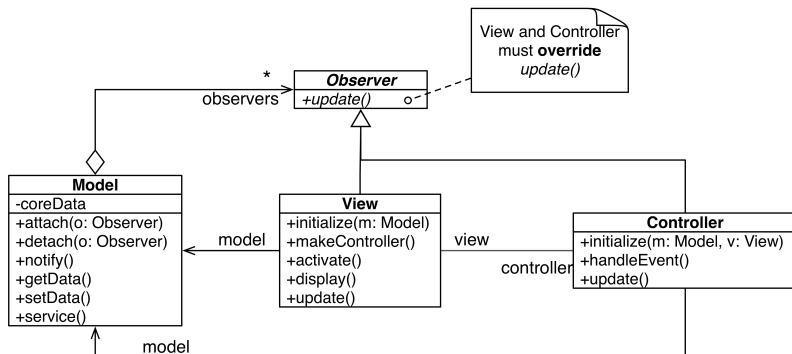
Behavioural Pattern: Strategy

```
12      // Client code
13      ...
14      void runSimulationTimestep () {
15          ...
16          context.executeAlgorithm ()
17          ...
18      }
19      ...
```

```
346      class PolicyChanger {
347          ...
348          if (matricesWillSoonBeBig () == true)
349              context.selectStrategy (strategies.BIG_MATRIX_ALGORITHM);
350          else
351              context.selectStrategy (strategies.SMALL_MATRIX_ALGORITHM);
352          ...
353      };
```


Model – View – Controller

And it's getting complicated...



Potential pitfalls

- Just because it's **a** solution, it doesn't mean it's **the** solution (don't forget to think for yourself!)
- The complicated way vs. the simple way (first code - then see where you have a problem)
- What about performance (when you have hundreds of classes calling each other)?

Further reading

All patterns fetched from lecture *Patterns in Software Engineering*, running every Wintersemester (compulsory for CSE students, 3rd semester!)

More explanation on what Cohesion and Coupling is (source of images):
<http://thebojan.ninja/2015/04/08/high-cohesion-loose-coupling/>

Two quite complete books on design patterns, in C++ and java respectively:



Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson, and John Vlissides.

Design patterns: elements of reusable object-oriented software.

Pearson Education, 1994.

<http://www.uml.org.cn/c++/pdf/DesignPatterns.pdf>.



Eric Freeman, Elisabeth Robson, Bert Bates, and Kathy Sierra.

Head first design patterns.

” O'Reilly Media, Inc.”, 2004.

<http://www.sws.bfh.ch/~amrhein/ADP/HeadFirstDesignPatterns.pdf>.

How and why you can**not** partially specialise function templates (for tutorial exercise):

<http://www.gotw.ca/publications/mill17.htm>