Assignment 1 – Part2

Due: Monday, September 25, 2020 (11:59 pm)

Part 2: Transform Inheritance in terms of Delegation

An important technique in the study of Object-Oriented Design is the use of *delegation* to replace *class inheritance*. A systematic approach for this transformation was presented in Lectures 4 and 5. Apply this approach to the program Resources \rightarrow Assignments \rightarrow Delegation.java. This program defines classes A, B, C, D, E, and F. The result of your transformation should be definition of classes called A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, and F2 which correspond to classes A, B, C, D, E, and F respectively, but do not make use of class inheritance. The original program and the transformed program, when executed, should produce the same results for the given test cases.

A systematic approach involves the following steps:

- 1. Define an interface hierarchy with interfaces IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, and IF based upon classes A, B, C, D, E, and F. (Optimize the interfaces to avoid redundancy.)
- 2. Define new classes A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, and F2 which implement IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, and IF respectively.
- 3. Set up the delegation hierarchy, define delegation methods, and provide a translation for every protected abstract method.
- 4. Introduce one more default methods in the interfaces so that the number of delegation methods are minimized.
- 5. Translate the pseudo-variables this and super as this 2 and super 2 respectively.
- 6. Non-static-final attributes should be accessed by 'super2-chaining'. Public static final attributes should be declared in interfaces.
- 7. In the translated program, you will also need to define two constructors for every non-leaf non-abstract class of the original class hierarchy, i.e., for classes B2 and D2.

The file Delegation.java contains the definitions of classes A ... F and also contains two tester classes called Delegation and Delegation2. It also contains the outline of the classes A2 ... F2. Define the interfaces IA ... IF and the classes A2 ... F2 in the same file.

Run both test cases through JIVE and save the object and sequence diagrams in files named A1_Delegation_obj.png and A1_Delegation_seq.png (for the first test case) and A1_Delegation2_obj.png and A1_Delegation2_seq.png (for the second test case). For object diagrams, choose 'Objects with Tables'. For sequence diagrams, choose 'Expand Lifelines'.

Grading Criteria: Credit will be given only if the transformation is done in a systematic way. An ad hoc translation that produces correct results is not an acceptable solution for this assignment.

What to Submit. Prepare a top-level directory named A1_Part2_UBITId1_UBITId2 if the assignment is done by a team of two students; otherwise, name it as A1_Part2_UBITId if it is done solo. (Order the UBITIds in alphabetic order, in the former case.) Place Delegation.java and all diagrams in this directory. Compress the directory and submit the resulting compressed file using the appropriate submit command. Only one submission per team is required.