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Java Object-Oriented Concepts

Lesson 7 - Tiered Application Design Concepts



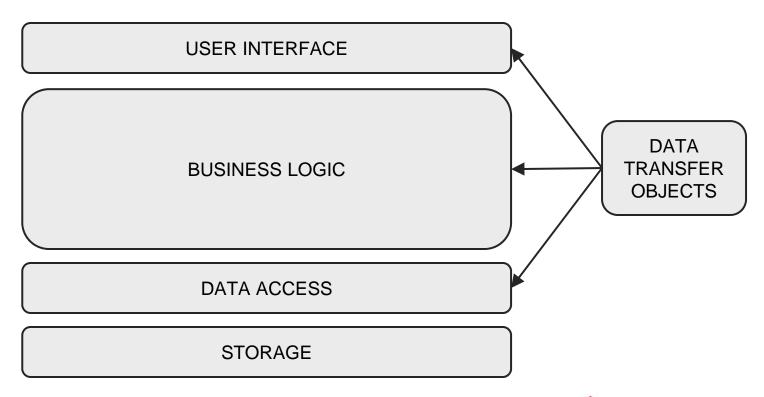


Why Tiers?

- We want to keep business logic and data access logic separate from UI logic
- This allows us to reuse these components for several platforms (web, mobile, B2B)
- Without, we would have to duplicate code for each platform



Tiered Design





Tiered Design

- Storage: files, database, or other persistent storage
- Data Access: classes that handle retrieving and storing data (think VendingMachine or AddressBook)
- Business Logic: classes that handle algorithms specific to your problem domain
- User Interface: interaction with the user



Packages

- Each of the major areas in the tiered model usually gets its own package
- For example:
 - Data Transfer objects domain or dto package
 - Data Access objects persistence or dao package
 - Business Logic objects operations package
 - User Interface objects ui package



Tiered Design and Web

- In our labs so far, tiered design is complete overkill
- We will use this design approach as we move into web applications
- We will use a framework called Model-View-Controller (MVC)
- MVC will seem familiar because we already use this approach

