

Lab – Design Patterns using Java

Objective

This exercise introduces several real-life design pattern examples. Study as many as time allows, and consider how you might apply them in your workplace.

Singleton Pattern

Purpose:

Ensure that a class has only one instance and provides a global point of access to it.

Pros:

- Controlled access to a single instance
- Saves memory for shared resources

Cons:

- Can hide dependencies (global state)
- Difficult to test or scale in multi-threaded environments

Code example:

A printer spooler should only have one active instance managing the print jobs.

```
public class Singleton {
    public static void main(String[] args) {

    }
}

class PrinterSpooler {
    private static PrinterSpooler instance;

    private PrinterSpooler() {}

    public static PrinterSpooler getInstance() {
        if (instance == null) {
            instance = new PrinterSpooler();
        }
        return instance;
    }

    public void print(String document) {
        System.out.println("Printing: " + document);
    }
}
```

Factory Pattern

Purpose:

Use a Factory to create objects without exposing the creation logic to the client, and refer to the newly created object using a common interface.

Pros:

- Adds flexibility in object creation
- Centralizes creation logic

Cons:

- Can introduce extra complexity
- Less transparent: harder to know which class is being instantiated

Code example:

A car factory that can produce different types of cars (e.g., Sedan, SUV).

```
public class Factory {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
    }
}

interface Car {
    void drive();
}

class Sedan implements Car {
    public void drive() {
        System.out.println("Driving a Sedan");
    }
}

class SUV implements Car {
    public void drive() {
        System.out.println("Driving an SUV");
    }
}

class CarFactory {
    public static Car getCar(String type) {
        switch (type.toLowerCase()) {
            case "sedan": return new Sedan();
            case "suv": return new SUV();
            default: throw new IllegalArgumentException("Unknown car type");
        }
    }
}
```

Composite Pattern

Purpose:

Use the Composite pattern when you want to treat individual objects and groups of objects in the same way. It's commonly used for tree-like structures.

Pros:

- Simplifies client code
- Makes it easy to add new types of components

Cons:

- Can make the design overly general
- Might be harder to restrict component types

Code example:

A company structure where departments can have employees or sub-departments.

```
public class Composite {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
    }  
}  
  
interface CompanyComponent {  
    void showDetails();  
}  
  
class Employee implements CompanyComponent {  
    private String name;  
    public Employee(String name) {  
        this.name = name;  
    }  
    public void showDetails() {  
        System.out.println("Employee: " + name);  
    }  
}  
  
class Department implements CompanyComponent {  
    private String name;  
    private List<CompanyComponent> components = new ArrayList<>();  
  
    public Department(String name) {  
        this.name = name;  
    }  
  
    public void addComponent(CompanyComponent component) {  
        components.add(component);  
    }  
  
    public void showDetails() {  
        System.out.println("Department: " + name);  
        for (CompanyComponent component : components) {  
            component.showDetails();  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Builder Pattern

Purpose:

Separate the construction of a complex object from its representation, allowing different configurations of the object to be built step-by-step.

Pros:

- Good for creating complex objects step-by-step
- Clear and readable code for configurations

Cons:

- Requires more classes/code
- Not ideal for simple objects

Code example:

Building a Laptop with optional features like graphics card, different RAM, or processors.

```
public class Builder {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
    }  
  
    class Laptop {  
        private String processor;  
        private int ram;  
        private boolean hasGraphicsCard;  
  
        private Laptop(Builder builder) {  
            this.processor = builder.processor;  
            this.ram = builder.ram;  
            this.hasGraphicsCard = builder.hasGraphicsCard;  
        }  
  
        public static class Builder {  
            private String processor;  
            private int ram;  
            private boolean hasGraphicsCard;  
  
            public Builder setProcessor(String processor) {  
                this.processor = processor;  
                return this;  
            }  
  
            public Builder setRam(int ram) {  
                this.ram = ram;  
                return this;  
            }  
  
            public Builder setGraphicsCard(boolean hasGraphicsCard) {  
                this.hasGraphicsCard = hasGraphicsCard;  
                return this;  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
    public Laptop build() {
        return new Laptop(this);
    }

    public void showSpecs() {
        System.out.println("Laptop with " + processor + ", " + ram + "GB RAM,
                           Graphics: " + hasGraphicsCard);
    }
}
```

Observer Pattern

Purpose:

Define a one-to-many dependency so that when one object (subject) changes state, all its dependents (observers) are notified automatically.

Pros:

- Promotes loose coupling
- Good for event-driven systems

Cons:

- Can lead to unexpected updates if not carefully managed
- Debugging can be tricky when many observers are involved

Code example:

A weather station that notifies multiple mobile apps when the temperature changes.

```
public class ObserverDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
    }  
}  
  
interface Observer {  
    void update(float temperature);  
}  
  
interface Subject {  
    void register(Observer o);  
    void remove(Observer o);  
    void notifyObservers();  
}  
  
class WeatherStation implements Subject {  
    private List<Observer> observers = new ArrayList<>();  
    private float temperature;  
  
    public void register(Observer o) {  
        observers.add(o);  
    }  
  
    public void remove(Observer o) {  
        observers.remove(o);  
    }  
  
    public void setTemperature(float temp) {  
        this.temperature = temp;  
        notifyObservers();  
    }  
  
    public void notifyObservers() {  
        for (Observer o : observers) {  
            o.update(temperature);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
class MobileApp implements Observer {
    private String name;

    public MobileApp(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }

    public void update(float temperature) {
        System.out.println(name + " received temperature update: " + temperature +
                           "°C");
    }
}
```

Command Pattern

Purpose:

Encapsulate a request as an object, thereby allowing for parameterisation and queuing of requests.

Pros:

- Decouples sender and receiver
- Supports undo/redo and logging

Cons:

- Can add a lot of boilerplate code
- Slightly harder to trace execution flow

Code example:

A remote control that can execute commands like turning the light on or off.

```
public class CommandDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
    }  
  
    interface Command {  
        void execute();  
    }  
  
    class Light {  
        public void turnOn() {  
            System.out.println("Light ON");  
        }  
  
        public void turnOff() {  
            System.out.println("Light OFF");  
        }  
    }  
  
    class TurnOnCommand implements Command {  
        private Light light;  
        public TurnOnCommand(Light light) {  
            this.light = light;  
        }  
  
        public void execute() {  
            light.turnOn();  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```

class TurnOffCommand implements Command {
    private Light light;
    public TurnOffCommand(Light light) {
        this.light = light;
    }
    public void execute() {
        light.turnOff();
    }
}

class RemoteControl {
    private Command command;

    public void setCommand(Command command) {
        this.command = command;
    }

    public void pressButton() {
        command.execute();
    }
}

```

If time permits

Research one of the standard design patterns.

Please investigate the pros and cons of a pattern and its UML Class diagram.

Is there a situation at work where you could use the chosen pattern?

<https://refactoring.guru/design-patterns/catalog> is a good place to start your research.