

LECTURE 6

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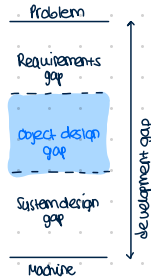
OUTLINE

- 1) Object design
- 2) Reuse
- 3) Generalization vs. Specialization
- 4) Design Patterns
 - 4.1) Composite pattern
 - 4.2) Bridge pattern
 - 4.3) Proxy pattern

1) OBJECT DESIGN

PURPOSE:

- design decisions to prepare the system implementation
- > object design = basis for implementation
- Transform system model (-> optimize it)
- Investigate alternative ways to implement the system model
- > based on design goals: min execution time, memory, ...



4 activities of Object design

1. REUSE: Identification of existing solutions

- Use inheritance
- Off-the-shelf components and additional solution objects
- Use of design pattern

Focus on reuse and specification

2. Interface specification

- Describes each class interface precisely

3. Object model restructuring

- Transforms the object design model to improve its understandability and extensibility

4. Object model optimization

- Transforms the object design model to address performance criteria

Towards mapping models to code

IDENTIFY COMPONENTS

1. Identify the missing components to the object design gap
2. Make a 'build or buy' decision to obtain the missing components

→ Component based software engineering: the design gap is filled with available components (60% coding)

Modeling the real world

- => leads to a system that reflects today's realities but not necessarily tomorrow's
- There is a need for reusable and extendable designs

2) REUSE

Types of reuse:

- 1) Reuse of design knowledge
- 2) Reuse of existing classes
- 3) Reuse of existing interfaces

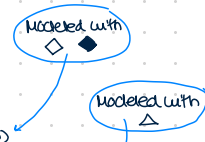
Techniques to close the object design gap with reuse

1) BLACK-BOX-REUSE (aggregation and decomposition)

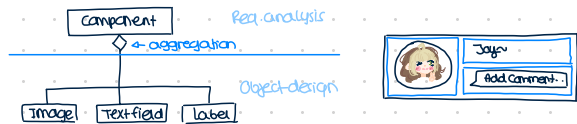
- > creation of new class through aggregation of existing class
- > new class offers aggregated functionality of existing class

2) WHITE-BOX-REUSE: (inheritance)

- > new class is created by subclassing
- > new class reuses functionality of superclasses and may offer new functionality



Example: black box Reuse



Inheritance in software engineering

Two different goals

1) Description of taxonomies

- > used during req. elicitation and analysis

ACTIVITY: Identify application domain objects that are hierarchically related

GOAL: Make analysis model more understandable

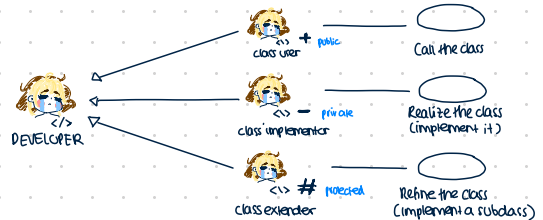
2) Interface specification

- > used during object design

ACTIVITY: Identify the signatures, visibility, and return type of all identifiable objects

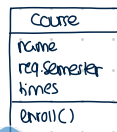
GOAL: Increase the reusability, enhance the modifiability and the extensibility

VISIBILITY: developers have three different roles

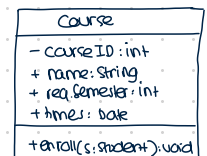


DISTINCTION

During analysis:



During object design:



Interface specification

1) Implementation inheritance

- Subclassing from an implementation
- REUSE: Implemented functionality in the superclass

2) Delegation

- Catching an operation and sending it to another object where it's already implemented
- REUSE: Implemented functionality = existing object

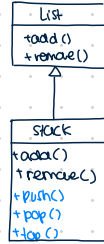
3) Specification inheritance

- Subclassing from a specification
- Specification = abstract class where all operation are specified but not implemented
- REUSE: Specified functionality in superclass

1) Implementation inheritance

A class is already implemented that does almost the same as the desired class

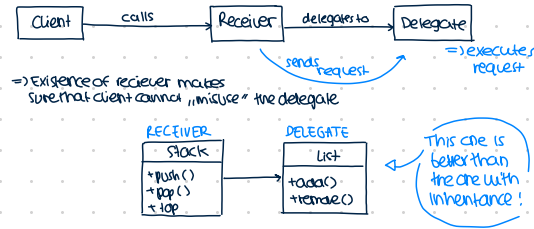
PROBLEM:
The inherited operations might exhibit unwanted behavior



2) Delegation

=> REUSE functionality of existing object using object instantiation and method calls

- 3 objects involved



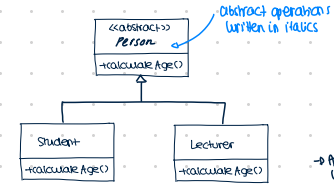
Implementation inheritance vs delegation

- Extending a base by a new operation or overriding an existing operation
- Catching an operation and sending it to another object

- Straight forward to use
- Supported by many coding languages
- Easy to implement new functionalities in the subclasses
- Inheritance exposes some methods of the parent class
- Changes in parent class -> forces changes in subclasses
- Flexible, because any object can be replaced at runtime by another one
- Inefficient, because objects are encapsulated

3) Specification inheritance

EXAMPLE



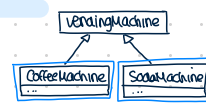
-> Abstract operation must be implemented by subclass

3) Generalization vs. Specialization

Discovering inheritance

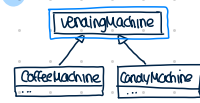
1. GENERALIZATION: SUB class -> SUPER class

=> finds subclass first, then superclasses

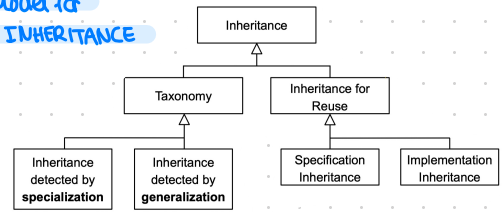


2. SPECIALIZATION: SUPER class -> SUB class

=> finds superclass first, and then subclasses



Model for INHERITANCE



4) DESIGN PATTERNS

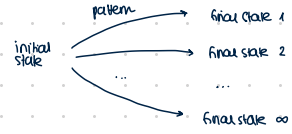
Algorithm:

- Solving a problem with a finite sequence of well-defined instructions

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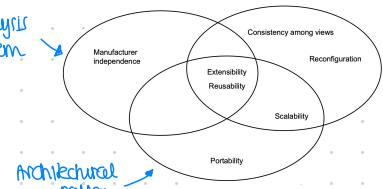
Pattern:

- describes a problem which occurs over and over again
- describes core of the solution, so you can use the solution multiple times with different outcomes



Patterns address nonfunctional requirements

Analysis pattern



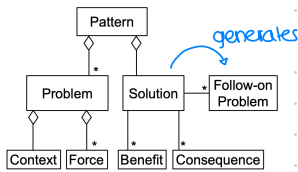
Architectural pattern

Design patterns

PATTERN: ORIGINAL DEFINITION:

A pattern is a three part rule, which expresses a relation between a certain context, a problem and a solution

Modeling a PATTERN in UML



CATEGORIZATION OF PATTERNS

Patterns for development activities

- Analysis
- Design
- Architecture
- Testing

Patterns for cross-functional activities

- Process
- Agile
- Build and release management

Antipatterns

- Smells and Refactoring

TYPES OF DESIGN PATTERNS

Structural patterns

- Reduces coupling between classes
- Abstract classes to enable future extensions
- Encapsulate complex structures

Behavioral patterns

- Allow choice between algorithms
- Allow assignments of responsibility to objects
- Model complex control flows that are difficult to follow at runtime

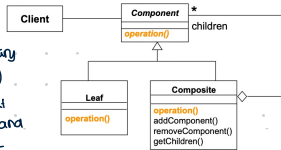
Creational patterns

- Allow to abstract
- Make system independent from the way its objects are created, composed & represented

4.1) Composite Pattern

PROBLEM: There are hierarchies with arbitrary depth or width (folders, files...)

SOLUTION: Composition pattern: a Client treat an individual class called leaf and composition leaf classes uniformly.

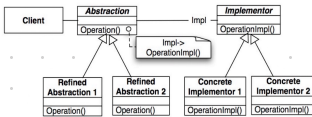



4.2) Bridge Pattern

PROBLEM: Many design decisions are made final at design time or at compile time

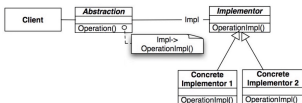
=> sometimes it is desirable to delay design decisions until runtime

SOLUTION: Bridge pattern allows to delay a decision until the startup time



=> 
looks like a bridge :3
(bridge between application & solution domain)

"degenerated" bridge pattern:



4.3) PROXY PATTERN

PROBLEM #1:

=> Object = complex, instantiation is expensive

SOLUTION #1:

- delay instantiation until object is actually used
- if object is never used -> no instantiation cost

PROBLEM #2:

=> Object is located on another node accessing the object is expensive

SOLUTION #2:

- instantiate & initialize a "smaller" local object -> representative ("proxy") for remote object
- try to access: modify the local object
- remove object only if necessary

=> Reduces cost of accessing objects
Proxy or stand-in for remote object
Location transparency

USE CASES OF THE PROXY PATTERN

Caching (remote proxy)

- The proxy object is a local representative for an object in a different address space
- Caching is good if information does not change too often
- If information changes, the cache needs to be flushed

Substitute (virtual proxy)

- The proxy object acts as a stand-in for an object which is expensive to create or download
- Good for information that is not immediately accessed
- Good for objects that are not visible (not in line of sight, far away)

Access control (protection proxy)

- The proxy object provides access control to the real object
- Good when different objects should have different access and viewing rights

Summary:

- **Intentional** can be used in analysis as well as object design

=> during analysis: describes taxonomies

=> during object design: used for interface specification & reuse

- **Black box vs. white box reuse**

- Interface specification: Implementation & specification inheritance, delegation

- Discovering inheritance: generalization / specialization

- Design patterns: composite, bridge, proxy.

