C++ Programming II

Design Patterns
Observer & Factory Pattern

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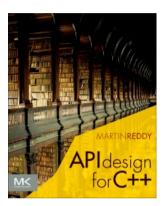
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Recommended literature!

► API Design for C++ (First Edition, 2011), Martin Reddy, ISBN-13: 978-0-12-385003-4



Source code and a lot of examples:

http://www.apibook.com/blog/source-code

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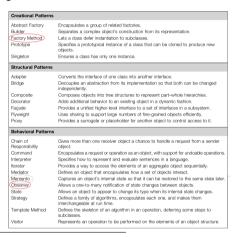
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What is a design pattern and why should we use it?

- A design pattern is a general solution to a common software design problem.
- ► The term was made popular by the book Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software, also known as the Gang of Four ¹.



¹ Gamma et al., 1994

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Simplest approach leads to "tight coupling" of modules

- It's very common for objects to call methods of other objects.
- Therefore, e.g. an object camera.cpp must know about a control's interface to call it's methods.
- The simplest approach is for camera.cpp to include control.h and call the methods directly.

```
#ifndef CAMERA_H
#define CAMERA_H
#include "control.h"

class Camera
{
public:
    Camera(Control* control);
private:
    Control* m_control;
};

#endif // CAMERA_H
```

However, this introduces a compile time dependency between Camera and Control and forces the classes to be tightly coupled! Lecture 7

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Introducing an abstract base class (ABC)

▶ A more flexible approach is to provide an ABC ICamera for Camera

```
#ifndef ICAMERA_H
#define ICAMERA_H

class ICamera
{
public:
    ICamera() {}
    virtual ~ICamera() {}

    virtual void newImage() = 0;
};

#endif // ICAMERA_H
```

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host->newImage();

No compile time dependency - "Loose Coupling" of modules

▶ Pass the interface to the Camera at initialisation (subscription) ...

Note: No compile time dependency! Camera can be compiled and tested without Control



Control inherits and implements camera interface

newImage() is called by camera!

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- ▶ Register at https://gitlab.ti.bfh.ch
- Clone the Producer Consumer Pattern project: https:

//gitlab.ti.bfh.ch/BMECPPII_2018/designpattern

- or download .zip file
- Solve the exercises described in README.md
- Activate the Todo-feature in Qt Creator: Help → About plugins... → Check Todo (experimental) → restart Qt Creator
- ▶ In the To-Do-Entries of the Actice Project you should see 5 hints where to change the code:



Note!

The resulting code will serve as a base for the exercise 07, where you implement the factory pattern.

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Project

Deadline is 18.12.2018

It's time to start your project!

- ► Compiling and Running:, with GUI, Presentation 5' (10P)
- ► Complexity: external libraries, threads etc. (10P)
- ► Workload: scope, quantity (5P)
- Style: Readability, variable naming, maintenance, STL (5P)
- ▶ Bugs: Memory leaks, initialised variables (5P)
- Own ideas: creativity (5P)
- Total: 40 Points

Note!

Review Checklist follows

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Thank You Questions

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