

Android Design Patterns

1. Model View Controller (MVC)

- Separate the modeling of the domain, the presentation, and the action based on user input into three separate classes:
 - **Model**
 - manage the behavior and data of the application domain
 - responds to requests for information about its state
 - responds to the instruction to change state
 - **View**
 - manage the display of the information / UI
 - **Controller**
 - interprets the mouse and keyboard input from the user
 - informs the model and / or the view to change as appropriate
- Implementation in Android
 - Model:
 - the classes required to implement the objects and object collections to handle database transactions. For example, the class of **Book** and a class of **BookCollections**
 - View:
 - displayed each book as widgets in the application
 - Controller:
 - the activity classes that receives commands from the views

2. Observers / Observables

- Defines a one-to-many dependency between objects so that when one object change state, all its dependencies are notified and update automatically
- In MVC, this pattern is used to decouple models from views
- Implementation in Android
 - Button-click events
 - **Observer**: the **View.OnClickListener** interface

- **Concrete Observer:** the anonymous class or method that handles the event when the button is clicked
- **Observables:** the button itself

3. Builder

- Defines an instance for creating an object but letting subclasses decide which class to instantiate
 - **Builder:**
 - specifies an abstract interface for creating part of a product object
 - **Concrete Builder:**
 - construct and put together parts of the product by implement the Builder interface
 - define and keep track of the representation it creates and provides the interface for saving the product
 - **Director:**
 - construct the complex object using the builder interface
 - **Product:**
 - represent the complex object that is being build
- Implementation in Android
 - `FragmentManager` for binding `Fragment` with frame layout widget

4. Factory Method

- Defines an interface for creating objects, but let subclasses to decide which class to instantiate
 - **Product:**
 - defines the interface for objects the factory method creates
 - **Concrete Product:**
 - implement the product
 - **Creator / Factory**
 - declares the method `FactoryMethod` which returns a `Product` object
 - may call the generating method for creating `Product` object
 - **Concrete Creator / Factory**

- overrides the generating method for creating ConcreteProduct object
- Implementation in Android
 - Using `newInstance()` to instantiate a fragment

5. Adapter

- Convert the interface of a class into another interface client expect
- Adapter lets classes work together, that could not otherwise because of incompatible interface
- Implementation in Android
 - RecyclerView Adapter

6. Decorator (Wrapper)

- Add additional responsibilities dynamically to an object
- Applies when there is a need to dynamically add as well as remove responsibilities to a class, and when subclassing would be impossible due to the large number of subclasses that could result
- Implementation in Android
 - SQLite `CursorWrapper`