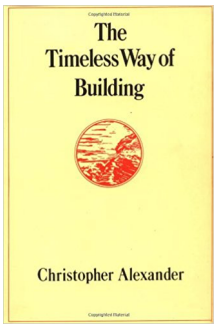
Design Patterns



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Christopher Alexander

Architect, who asked the question ***"What makes good architectural design?"***

By studying high quality structures that solve similar patterns, he saw that ***patterns*** would appear the solutions to the problems.

He identified over 200 pattern for city planning, building design, gardens etc.

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Patterns

*"Each pattern is a three-part rule, which expresses a relation between a certain **context**, a **problem**, and a **solution**."*

-Christopher Alexander

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Patterns

Four elements describe the pattern:

The ***name***

The ***purpose***; what problem is solves

How to solve the problem; the ***solution***

The ***constraints*** we have to consider in our solution

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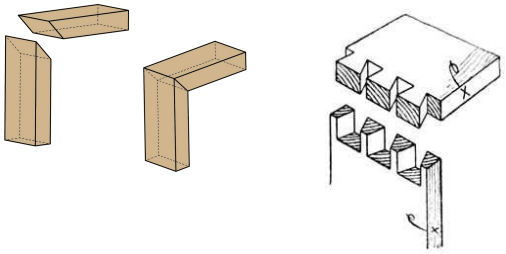
A higher level perspective



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A higher level perspective

Patterns also describe a ***shared vocabulary.***

Which one is better?

"Should we use a dovetail or miter joint?"

or

"Should I make the joint by cutting down into the wood and then going back up 45 degrees and..."

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A higher level perspective

The former avoids getting bogged down in details

The former relies on the carpenter's ***shared knowledge***

[Design patterns] distill and provide a means to reuse the design knowledge gained by experienced practitioners.

-G.O.F.

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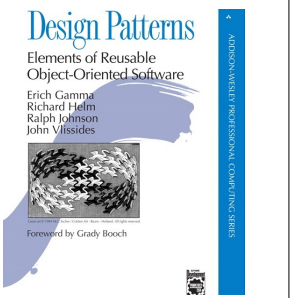
Software Design Patterns

The seminal book published by the "Gang of Four."

They propose 23 patterns, organized in 3 categories.



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Key Features of a Pattern

Name

Intent: The purpose of a pattern.

Problem: What problem does it solve?

Solution: The approach taken.

Participants: The entities involved in the pattern.

Consequences: The effect the pattern has on your code.

Implementation: Example ways to implement it

Structure: a class diagram

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Software Design Patterns

3 Categories:

Creational: they abstract away the object instantiation (creation)

Structural: are concerned with how classes and objects are composed to form larger structures

Behavioral: are concerned with algorithms and the assignment of responsibilities between objects.

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Creational patterns

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Singleton

Intent: ensure a class has only one instance, and provide a global point of access to it.

Motivation: having a single instance of a class is sometimes important; e.g. There can be only one file system or event thread.

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Singleton

We want to restrict access such that this is no longer possible:

```
Singleton s = new Singleton();
```

Instead, we want to do this:

```
Singleton s = Singleton.getInstance();
```

We want to ensure that only a ***unique instance*** exists.

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```
public class Singleton {
    private static Singleton s = null;

    private Singleton() {}

    public static Singleton getInstance() {
        if (s == null)
            s = new Singleton();
        return s;
    }
}
```


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Declaring the constructor ***private*** means we cannot create instances outside of the class.

Therefore, we control where an object can be instantiated.

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}
```

The ***static*** keyword allows us to access fields and methods without an instance:

```
Singleton.getInstance();
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    public static Singleton getInstance() {
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This is called ***lazy initialization.*** We only create the object when we need them.

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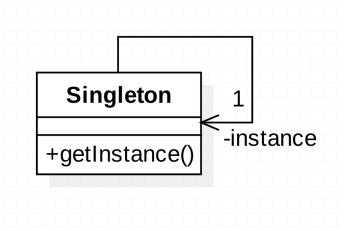
Structure



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Pros & Cons

Pros:

Easy instance management

Cons:

It acts like a global variable and shares all the problems associated with them

Breaks SRP, as the objects now has to control it's own lifetime cycle

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Structural Patterns

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Composite

Intent: compose objects into tree structures to represent part-whole hierarchies. Clients can treat individual objects and compositions **uniformly**.

Motivation: A file system has files and folders. Users want to manipulate files and folders the same way (e.g. move, rename, delete etc).

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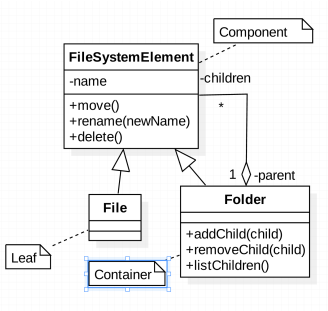
Composite



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public abstract class FileSystemElement {
    public void move(){}
    public void rename(String newName){}
    public void delete(){}
}

public class Folder extends FileSystemElement {
    private List<FSE> children = new ArrayList<>();

    public void addChild(FileSystemElement child) {
        children.add(child);
    }

    public void removeChild(FileSystemElement child) {
        children.remove(child);
    }
}

public class File extends FileSystemElement {
    // do file stuff
}
```


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The base class contains the ***common operations*** for a "File System Element"

`abstract` means that it cannot be instantiated.

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The `Folder` class is the ***container***.

It's responsibility is managing and accessing the children.

It may override some common operations (e.g. `delete`)

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The `File` class is the ***leaf,*** as it had no children.

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Pros & Cons

Pros:

It's easy to add new types of components

Clients can manipulate both types homogeneously.

Cons:

It's hard to restrict the types of a component (design is too general)

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Facade

Intent: provide a unified interface to a set of interfaces in a subsystem. It defines a higher-level interface that makes the subsystem easier to sue.

Motivation: Structuring a system into subsystems reduces complexity. Facade provides a single, simplified interface to the subsystem.

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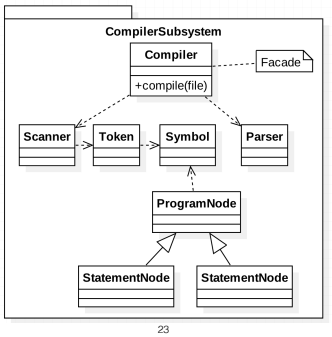
Facade



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Pros & Cons

Pros:

Isolates clients from subsystem components

Minimizes the dependency of the client code on the subsystems

Cons:

The Facade class risks accumulating a lot of responsibility because it is linked to all the classes in the application

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Behavioral Patterns

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Template Method

Intent: define a skeleton of an algorithm and defer some steps to subclasses.

Motivation: The Android OS must support multiple types of app. These apps all have a common lifecycle and need to handled uniformly by the OS.

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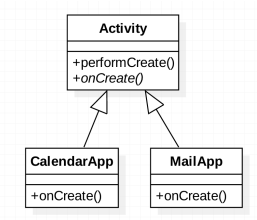
Template Method



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Template Method

The base class provides the ***basic steps*** of the algorithm.

The subclasses provide the ***details.***

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```
public abstract class Activity {
    final void performCreate(Bundle icicle) {
        restoreHasCurrentPermissionRequest(icicle);
        onCreate(icicle);
        mActivityTransitionState.readState(icicle);
        performCreateCommon();
    }

    public abstract void onCreate(Bundle bundle);
}

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(Part of) the algorithm for starting an `Activity`.


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The specific details are handled by the subclasses.

Pros & Cons

Pros:

Helps eliminate code duplication

Easy to customize the algorithm

Cons:

Your options are limited by the existing skeleton

Observer

Observer

Intent: Define a one-to-many relationship between objects, so that when one object changes it's state, the dependents are notified and updated automatically.

Motivation: An online store is about to receive a large shipment of a high demand product. The store wants to notify the customers when the product is in stock.

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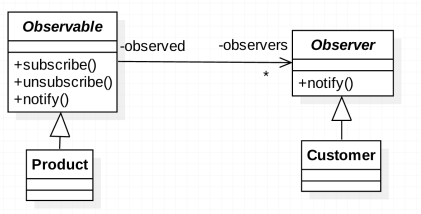
Observer



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```
public abstract class Observable {

    private List<Observer> observers = new ArrayList<>();

    public void subscribe(Observer o) {
        observers.add(o);
    }

    public void unsubscribe(Observer o) {
        observers.remove(o);
    }

    public void notify(Object data) {
        for(Observer o : observers) {
            o.notify(data);
        }
    }

}

public abstract class Observer {
    public abstract void notify(Object data);
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```


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The `Observable` keeps track of *observers* and provides methods to subscribe and unsubscribe

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}

public abstract class Observer {
    public abstract void notify(Object data);
}
```

It also handles notifying the observers

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```
public class Product extends Observable{
    public void updateStock(int units) {
        // .....
        this.notify(units);
    }
}

public class Customer extends Observer {
    public void notify(Object data) {
        // react to the notification
    }
}
```


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```

The client can notify all the observers of the change.

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}
```

The observer can deal with the notification in any way it sees fit.

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Pros & Cons

Pros:

Observers are isolated from Observables

You can dynamically subscribe and unsubscribe

Cons:

The order in which Observers are called might not be deterministic.