Design Patterns

Gang of Four:



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Brief Intro:

My name is Vera Ekhator. I am currently a software developer in training at Zip Code Wilmington. I am in the Java 8.0 Cohort.

In this presentation, I will be covering several programming design patterns. Stay tuned!

Creational:

- Singleton
 - Builder

Factory



1. Singleton

Appeal

This pattern ensures that only one instance of a class can exist. It does so by means of a private constructor than can only be called if no other instance of the class currently exists.

→ Utility

The singleton pattern is great for standardizing access to a resource. If you need access to the singleton instance, then you can gain it by a static call.



2. Builder

→ Appeal

The builder pattern allows you to build out your object in steps. Once you're done adding the necessary components you launch the build method and create the object.

→ Utility

The builder pattern allows for added flexibility when it comes to object creation.



3. Factory

→ Appeal

It's a helper class with the purpose of creating objects of another class.

→ Utility

Allows you to encapsulate object creation for better code maintenance.

Structural:

Decorator

- Adaptor
 - Facade



1. Decorator

→ Appeal

Provides a way to reduce code redundancy by utilizing the superclass inheritance for shared attributes and methods...

→ Utility

Maintenance. Since the values of attributes are shared code only has to be changed in one place to carry over to the other.



2. Adapter

→ Appeal

Interface converter. Allows for broader application for code with less modifications.

→ Utility

You can add functionality without having to tamper code that has already been written and tested. Rather than refactor code, you can just extend it.



3. Facade

→ Appeal

Simplifies client interaction with class' library. Shows client only what they need to see.

→ Utility

Helps reduce errors caused by code complexity. The underlying methods still exist and are accessible but they are not exposed.

Behavioral:

Observer

- Strategy
- Template
- Command



1. Observer

→ Appeal

Observers are connected to a "subject" and receive updates whenever the state of the subject changes.

→ Utility

Since the connection is at-will, an observer can "tune-in: and "tune-out" to a subject's state updates with relative ease. This is because the subject registers and deregisters observers at request.



2. Strategy

→ Appeal

Takes a body of algorithms and externalizes them while still allowing for interchangeability.

→ Utility

User can choose which strategy to implement and if they change their mind they can change their strategy since the encapsulated behavior is interchangeable.



3. Template

→ Appeal

Create a super method that with varying degrees of access.

→ Utility

Allows for dynamic code implementation under one method. Depending on user intent, all they need to do to access the varying degrees of method utility is add more arguments to the method call.



4. Command

→ Appeal

Allows you to store "commands" to be executed at a later time. Executed commands are stored in a stack which creates command execution "memory".

→ Utility

You can undo commands by utilizing the stack .pop() function. This allows you to walk back on steps your program has taken.



Recap:

Design Patterns help keep code clean and maintainable. They emphasize good coding practices such as encapsulation, abstraction, and dependency reduction. Utilizing design patterns allows you to avoid reinventing the wheel in your code. These patterns are tried and true and provide a coding standard for developers to follow as needed.

Go forth and design good software.





Thank You!