

Design Patterns Used in Eclipse

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Classical Pattern Catalog

- » Creational Patterns
 - » **Factory**
 - » **Builder**
 - » **Singleton**
 - » ...
- » Structural Patterns
 - » **Adapter**
 - » **Bridge**
 - » **Composite**
 - » **Proxy**
 - » **Facade**
 - » ...
- » Behavioral Patterns
 - » **Observer**
 - » **Command**
 - » **Memento**
 - » **Strategy**
 - » **Visitor**
 - » ...



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Patterns in Eclipse

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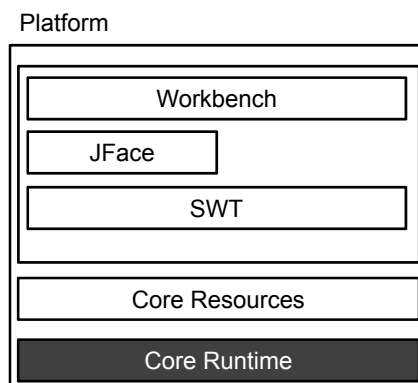
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Patterns in Eclipse

- » Platform Runtime
 - » **Adaptable** and **Adapter Factories**: Property View
 - » **Singleton**: getting a Workbench / Plug-in / Service instance
 - » **Bridge**: OSGi Services
 - » **Whiteboard**: pluggable listeners
- » Workspace Resources
 - » **Proxy** and **Bridge**: accessing File System
 - » **Composite**: the workspace
 - » **Observer**: tracking resource changes
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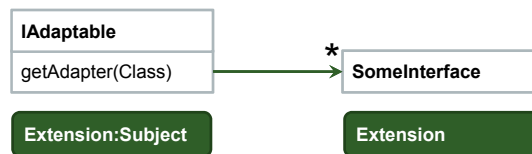


Runtime



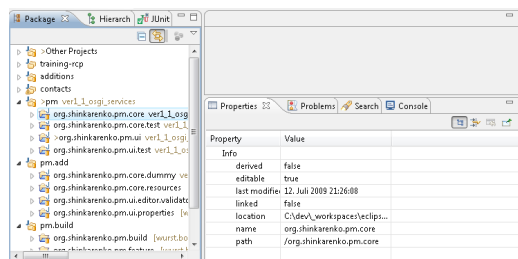
Extension Interface: IAdaptable

- » "Anticipate that an object's interface needs to be extended in the future. An Extension Object lets you add interfaces to a class and lets clients query whether an object has a particular extension."



Need for Adapters

- » Add a service interface to a type without exposing it in that type
- » Add behavior to preexisting types such as `IFile`, `Person`, etc.
- » Our goal: we want to adapt `Person` to `IPropertySource`



Getting an Adapter:

```

ViewsPlugin.java
public static Object getAdapter(Object sourceObject, Class adapter) {

    //1. Check instance
    if (adapter.isInstance(sourceObject)) {
        return sourceObject;
    }

    //2. Check if can adapt to
    if (sourceObject instanceof IAdaptable) {
        IAdaptable adaptable = (IAdaptable) sourceObject;
        Object result = adaptable.getAdapter(adapter);
        if (result != null) {
            // Sanity-check
            Assert.isTrue(adapter.isInstance(result));
            return result;
        }
    }

    //3. Load adapter from the Platform Adapter Manager
    return Platform.getAdapterManager().loadAdapter(sourceObject, adapter.getName());
}

```

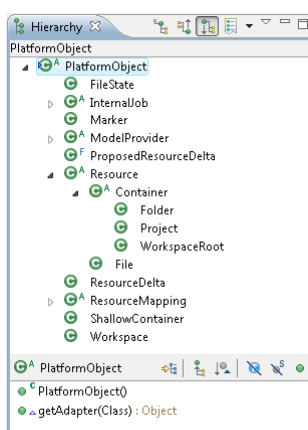


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Use of AdapterManager in Platform



```

public abstract class PlatformObject implements IAdaptable {

    public Object getAdapter(Class adapter) {
        return AdapterManager.getDefault().getAdapter(this, adapter);
    }
}

```



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IPROPERTYSOURCE

- » How does the Properties View work?
 - » The object in the Current Selection must be an `IPROPERTYSOURCE`
- » What does it mean: „the object must be an `IPROPERTYSOURCE`“?
 - » be a direct implementor of `IPROPERTYSOURCE`:


```
public class Person implements IPROPERTYSOURCE { /**/ }
```
 - » or **can adapt** to `IPROPERTYSOURCE`



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IADAPTABLE

- » What does it mean „the object **can adapt** to `IPROPERTYSOURCE`“?
 - » to implement `IADAPTABLE` and be able to return an `IPROPERTYSOURCE` on request


```
public class Person implements IADAPTABLE { /**/ }
```
 - » or to have a registered `IADAPTERFACTORY` which would be able to adapt `Person` to `IPROPERTYSOURCE`



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What is an Adapter?

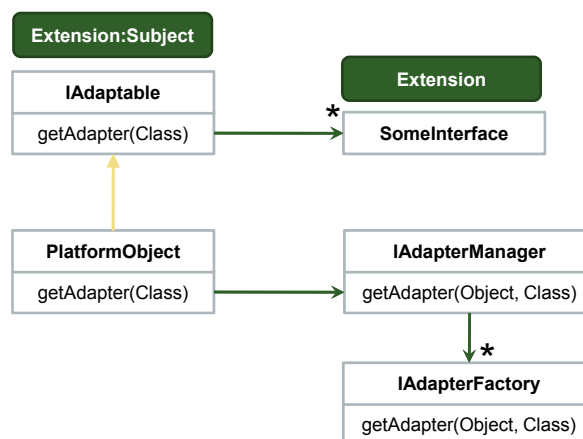
- » In object-oriented software systems, an adapter simply adapts (converts) an object of type A to another object of relevant type B
- » Eclipse provides the interface `IAdaptable` to address the adaption of an object:

```
public interface IAdaptable {
    public Object getAdapter(Class adapter);
}
```

- » Since model objects should not depend on Eclipse, `AdapterFactory`s can adapt all objects. Even if the objects do not implement `IAdaptable`...
- » How does this work?



IAdapterFactory



IAdapterFactory

- » Such a factory provides adapters for given adaptable types:

```
public class AdapterFactory implements IAdapterFactory {

    @Override
    public Class[] getAdapterList() {
        return new Class[] { IPropertySource.class };
    }

    @Override
    public Object getAdapter(Object adaptableObject, Class adapterType) {
        if (adapterType == IPropertySource.class && adaptableObject instanceof Person) {
            final Person p = (Person) adaptableObject;
            return new IPropertySource() {
                // ...
            };
        }
        return null;
    }
}
```



Registering the Adapter Factory

- » Implementations of IAdapterFactory can be registered with the platform:

- » programmatically:

```
Platform.getAdapterManager()
    .registerAdapters(adapterFactory, Person.class);
```

- » or declaratively:

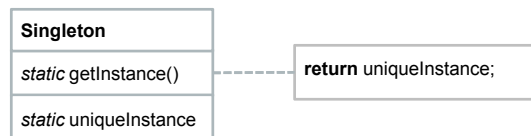
- » see E.P. org.eclipse.core.runtime.adapters

```
<extension
    point="org.eclipse.core.runtime.adapters">
    <factory
        adaptableType="org.shinkarenko.pm.core.Person"
        class="org.shinkarenko.pm.ui.properties.AdapterFactory">
        <adapter
            type="org.eclipse.ui.views.properties.IPropertySource">
        </adapter>
    </factory>
</extension>
```



Singleton

- » “Ensure that a class only has one instance, and provide a global point of access to it.”



Usage examples in Eclipse

- » `PlatformUI.getWorkbench()`
- » `Platform.getAdapterManager()`
- » `ResourcesPlugin.getWorkspace()`
- » `PMCoreActivator.getInstance().getPersonRepository()`



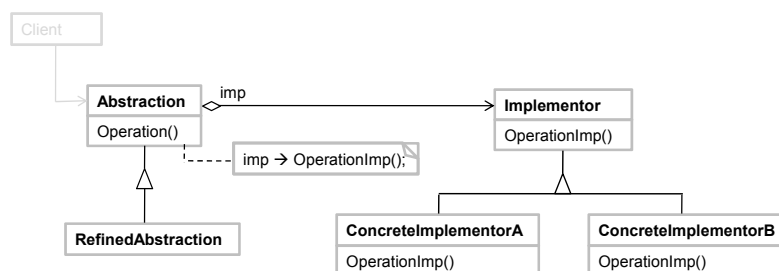
Singleton Drawbacks

- » Use of *static*:
 - » Classloading issues
 - » May behave in an unpredictable fashion in dynamic OSGi environments
- » Coupling between the Singleton and the Client(s)
 - » Bridge pattern will help ;-)



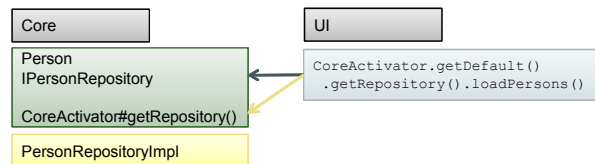
Bridge

- » “Decouple an abstraction from its implementation so that the two can vary independently”



PM Core Retrospective

- » Core bundle is designed fairly good (it is already a bridge in a fact), but it is not really flexible in terms of Components:



- » Have to call Core methods directly ☹
- » IPersonRepository implementation is coupled with Core ☹



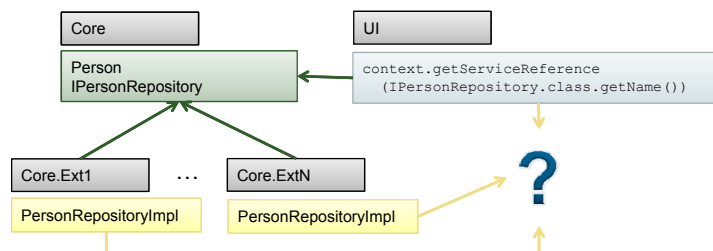
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Solution: introduce a bridge

- » Make possible for others to contribute core implementations:



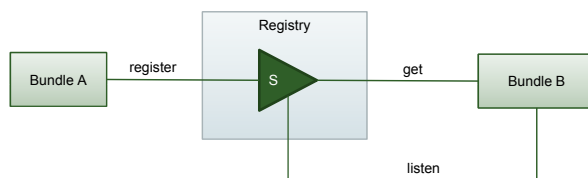
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OSGi Services

- » Bundles may register services in an OSGi Service Registry



```

@Override
public void start(BundleContext context) throws Exception {
    super.start(context);
    plugin = this;

    final IPersonRepository personRepository = new DummyPersonRepository();
    context.registerService(IPersonRepository.class.getName(), personRepository, null);
}

@Override
public void stop(BundleContext context) throws Exception {
    plugin = null;
    super.stop(context);
}

```



OSGi Services

- » Other bundles may get the registered services:

```

final String serviceName = IPersonRepository.class.getName();
final ServiceReference serviceReference = ctx.getServiceReference(serviceName);
if (serviceReference == null) {
    throw new PMException("Person Repository Service cannot be found");
}
personRepository = (IPersonRepository) ctx.getService(serviceReference);

```

- » Or listen to their lifecycle:

```

final String serviceName = IPersonRepository.class.getName();
final ServiceTracker serviceTracker = new ServiceTracker(ctx, serviceName,
    new ServiceTrackerCustomizer() {
        @Override
        public void removedService(ServiceReference reference, Object service) {
            log("Removed service: " + service);
        }
        @Override
        public void modifiedService(ServiceReference reference, Object service) {
            log("Modified service: " + service);
        }
        @Override
        public Object addingService(ServiceReference reference) {
            personRepository = (IPersonRepository) ctx.getService(reference);
            log("Adding service ref: " + reference + "-->" + personRepository);
            return personRepository;
        }
    });
serviceTracker.open();

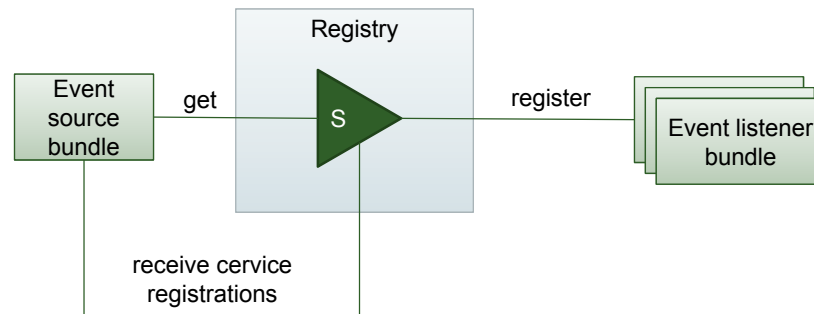
```



Whiteboard: Pluggable Listeners

» Listeners Considered Harmful: The “Whiteboard” Pattern

» <http://www.osgi.org/wiki/uploads/Links/whiteboard.pdf>



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Listener support in IPersonRepository

```

public interface IPersonRepository {
    * Creates the given person.[]
    String create(Person person) throws PMException;

    * Loads a person by the given ID.[]
    Person load(String id) throws PMException;

    * Loads all persons from the repository sorted by ID.[]
    List<Person> loadAll() throws PMException;

    * Updates the given (@link Person).[]
    void update(Person person) throws PMException;

    * Deletes the given (@link Person).[]
    void delete(Person person) throws PMException;

    * Adds the given (@link IPersonListener) to the repository's listener list.[]
    void addListener(IPersonListener listener);

    * Removes the given (@link IPersonListener) to the repository's listener[]
    void removeListener(IPersonListener listener);
}
  
```



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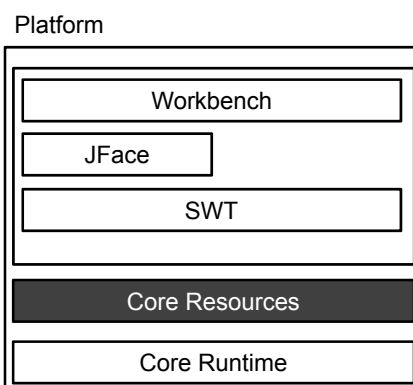
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Use Whiteboard pattern instead

1. Mark listener support methods in IPersonRepository as deprecated or remove at all
2. Let all clients register IPersonListeners via OSGi Service Registry
3. Set up a ServiceTracker in your core implementation to update the local cache of Listeners
4. Test carefully (View open-close, Bundle start-stop etc.)



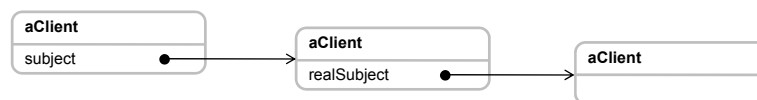
Core Workspace: Resources



Proxy and Bridge: Accessing File System

» Proxy: *"Provide a surrogate or place holder for another object to control access to it"*

» Proxy structure at a runtime:



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IFile as a Proxy

» How to address a resource in a Workspace?

» give a handle for a resource, not the full resource

» the handle acts like a key for a resource



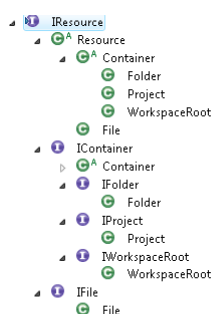
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IResource hierarchy

- » The handles are defined as interfaces IFile, IFolder, IProject, and IWorkspaceRoot



Some characteristics of the resource handles

- » Small objects. Once created, none of their fields will ever change. Use them in maps as keys.
- » Handles define the behavior of a resource, but they do not keep any resource state information.
- » A handle can refer to non-existing resources.
- » Handles are created from a parent handle:


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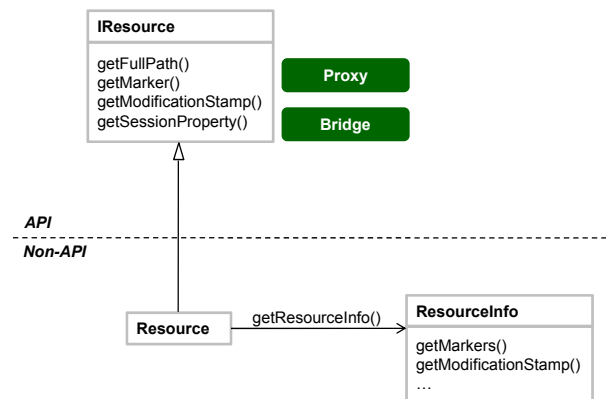
IProject project;
IFolder folder = project.getFolder("someFolder");
      
```
- » Handles are used to create the underlying resource:


```

folder.create(...);
      
```



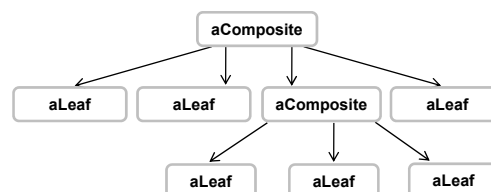
IResource Is a Proxy and a Bridge



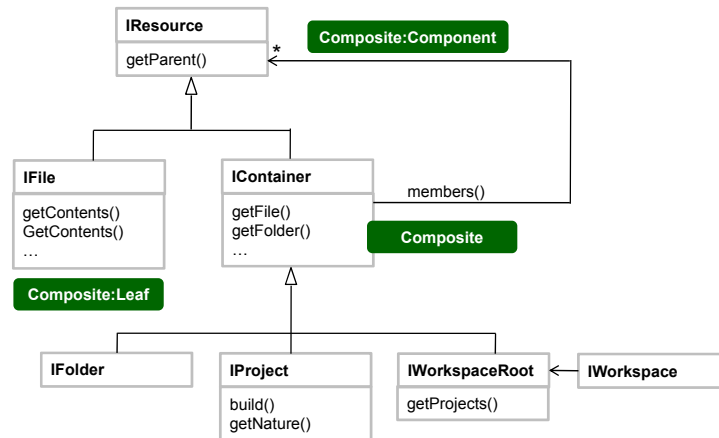
Composite: IWorkspace

» Composite: “Compose object into tree structures to represent part/whole hierarchies. Composite lets clients treat individual objects and compositions of objects uniformly.”

» A typical Composite object structure:

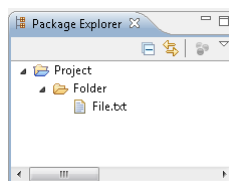


IWorkspace as a Composite



IWorkspace

- » IWorkspace is a Composite of IContainers and IFiles

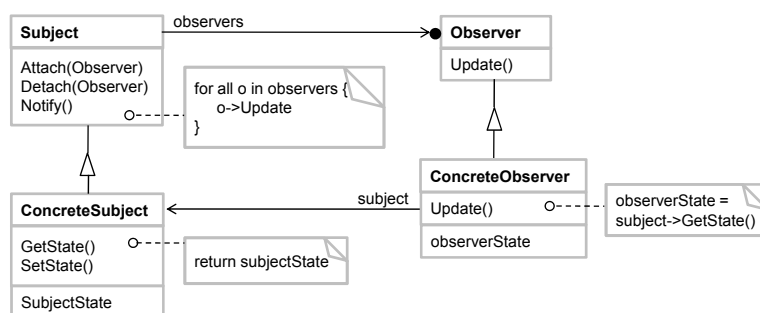


- » Access the Singleton workspace instance from the static accessor
`ResourcesPlugin.getWorkspace()`



Observer: tracking resource changes

- » Observer: „Define a one-to-many dependency between objects so that when one object changes state, all its dependents are notified and updated automatically.”



IResourceChangeListener



```

IWorkspace ws = ResourcesPlugin.getWorkspace();
ws.addResourceChangeListener(new IResourceChangeListener() {
    @Override
    public void resourceChanged(IResourceChangeEvent event) {
        if (IResourceChangeEvent.POST_CHANGE == event.getType()) {
            //
        }
    }
});
  
```



IResourceDelta Records a Tree of Changes



- » A resource delta describes a single change and multiple changes using the same structure.
- » It is easy to process a resource delta recursively top-down when updating an observer.
- » You can reuse the traversal logic of a resource delta with an IResourceDeltaVisitor:

```

public interface IResourceDeltaVisitor {
    public boolean visit(IResourceDelta delta) throws CoreException;
}
  
```



Processing the Resource Delta

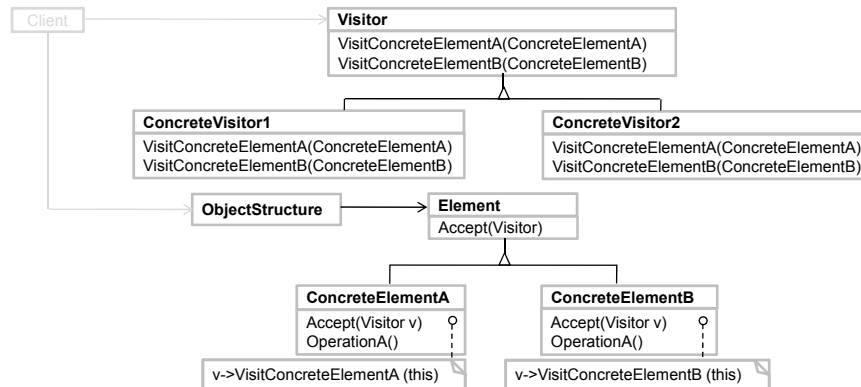
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IWorkspace ws = ResourcesPlugin.getWorkspace();
ws.addResourceChangeListener(new IResourceChangeListener() {
    @Override
    public void resourceChanged(IResourceChangeEvent event) {
        IResourceDelta delta = event.getDelta();
        IResourceDeltaVisitor resourceDeltaVisitor = new IResourceDeltaVisitor() {
            @Override
            public boolean visit(IResourceDelta delta) throws CoreException {
                System.out.println(delta);
                return true;
            }
        };
        try {
            delta.accept(resourceDeltaVisitor);
        } catch (CoreException e) {
        }
    }
});
  
```



Visitor: traversing the resource tree

- » Visitor: "Represent an operation to be performed on the elements of an object structure. Visitor lets you define a new operation without changing the classes of the elements on which it operates."

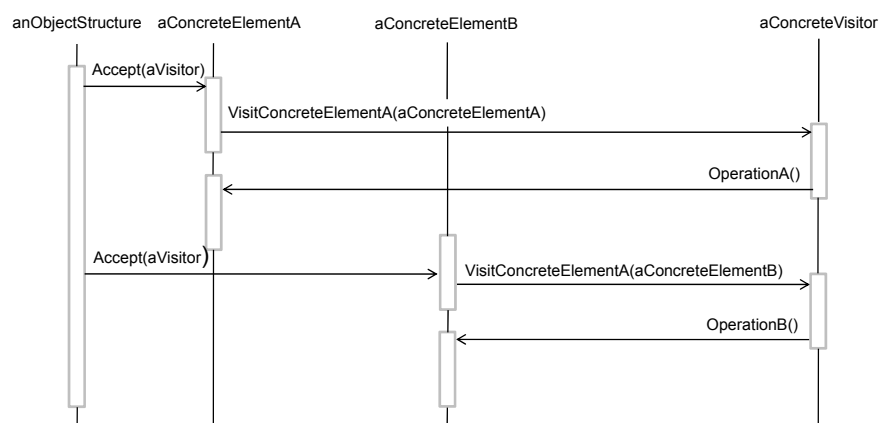


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Visitor Interaction Diagram



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Visiting a Resource API

```
final IResource resource = ResourcesPlugin.getWorkspace().getRoot();

final IResourceVisitor visitor = new IResourceVisitor() {
    public boolean visit(IResource resource) throws CoreException {
        if (resource.getType() == IResource.FILE) {
            IFile file = (IFile) resource;
            System.out.println(file.getName());
        }
        return true;
    }
};

try {
    resource.accept(visitor, IResource.DEPTH_INFINITE, false);
} catch (CoreException e) { }
```



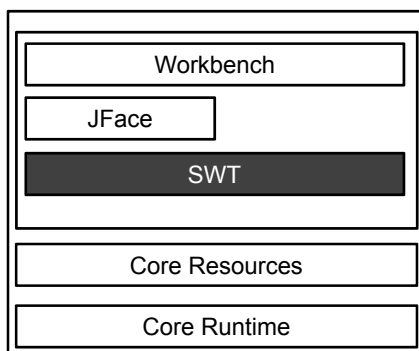
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SWT

Platform



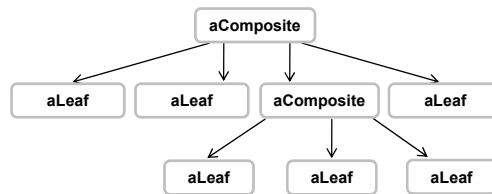
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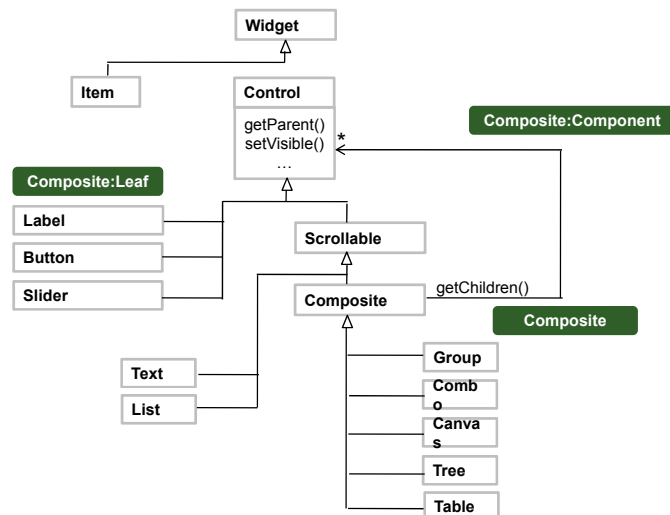


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SWT basic and compound widgets



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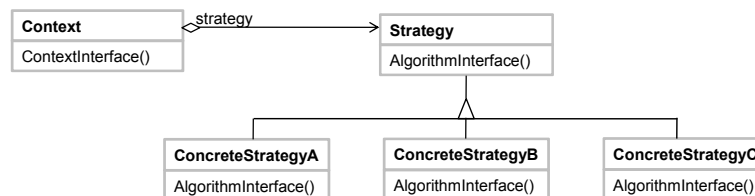
- » Basic widgets
 - » do not contain other widgets
 - » are the leaves in a widget tree
 - » Button, Label, Text, ..
- » Compound widgets
 - » contain other widgets
 - » are the inner nodes of a widget tree
 - » have Composite as the base class

```
private void addControl(Composite parent) {
    Composite composite = new Composite(parent, SWT.NONE);
    // ...
    Label label = new Label(composite, SWT.NONE);
    label.setText("hello");
    // ...
}
```

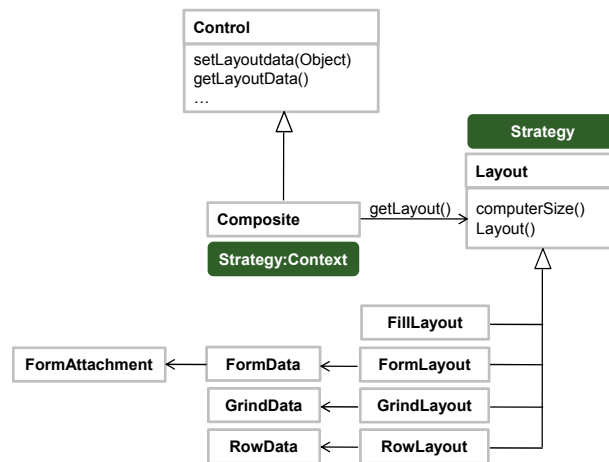


Strategy: Defining UI Layout

- » Strategy: *"Define a family of algorithms, encapsulate each one, and make them interchangeable. Strategy lets the algorithm vary independently from clients that use it."*



SWT Layout Managers



SWT Layout Example

```

public class SampleComposite extends Composite {

    final Text txtFirstName;

    public SampleComposite(final Composite cmpParent, final int style) {
        super(cmpParent, style);

        // 1. Create widgets
        final Label label = new Label(this, SWT.NONE);
        txtFirstName = new Text(this, SWT.BORDER);

        // 2. Set the Layout Manager
        final GridLayout layout = new GridLayout(2, false);
        this.setLayout(layout);

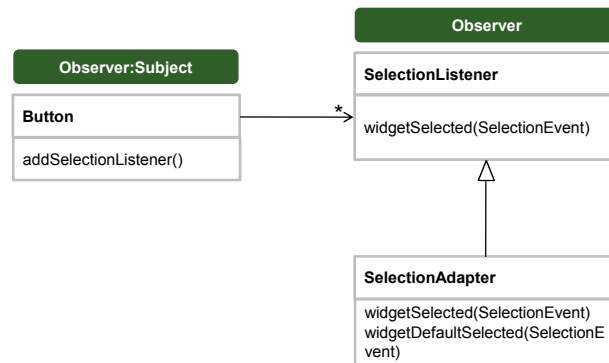
        // 3. Set the Layout Data (if needed)
        final GridData layoutData = new GridData(GridData.FILL_HORIZONTAL);
        txtFirstName.setLayoutData(layoutData);

        // 4. Set some data (if needed)
        label.setText("First Name");
    }
}

```



Observer: responding to Events



Adding Listeners to SWT widgets

```

Text txtName = new Text(cmp, SWT.PUSH);

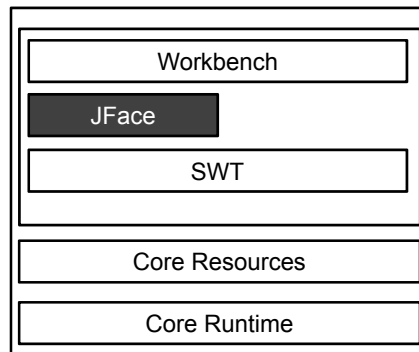
//Typed listener:
txtName.addModifyListener(new ModifyListener() {
    @Override
    public void modifyText(ModifyEvent e) {
        // handle modify
    }
});

//Generic (untyped) listener:
txtName.addListener(SWT.Modify, new Listener() {
    @Override
    public void handleEvent(Event event) {
        // handle modify
    }
});
  
```



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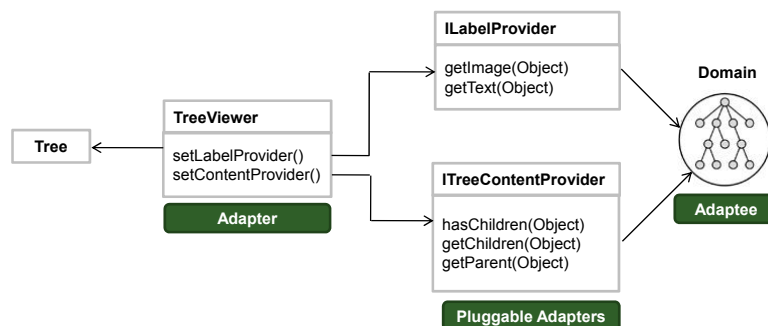
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Pluggable Adapters: Label- and Content Providers

- » Adapt the domain knowledge so that the Viewer can understand it and render properly:
 - » Content: IContentProvider
 - » Rendering: ILabelProvider



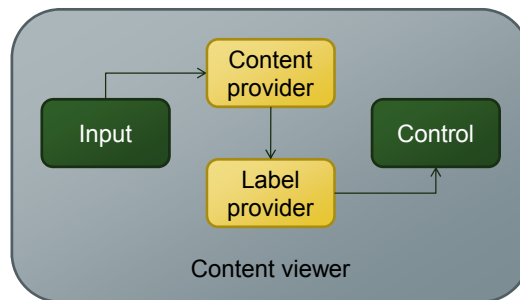
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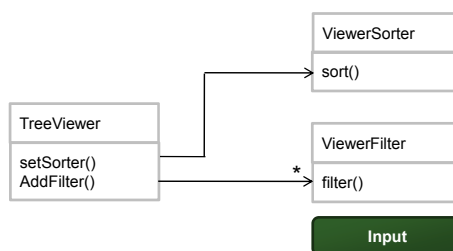
A Content Viewer ...

- » ... delegates handling of input changes to a **content provider**:
 - » The viewer queries the content provider for (an) element(s) to be shown
- » ... delegates mapping the elements to be displayed to labels and images to a **label provider**



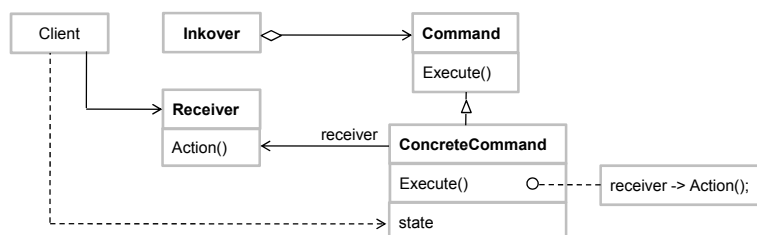
Strategy: Customizing without Subclassing

- » `ViewerSorter` and `ViewerFilter` are strategies

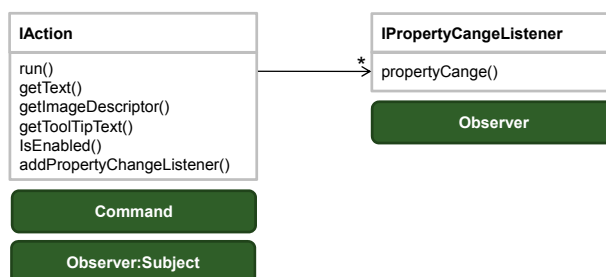


Command: Actions

- » Command: **"Encapsulate a request as an object, thereby letting you parameterize clients with different requests, queue or log requests, and support for undoable operations."**



JFace IAction



JFace Actions

- » IAction defines a run() method to be called to execute the request.
- » Stores all the “decorative” information:
 - » to present the action in a menu / toolbar / button
 - » action's label, icon, tooltip, and enablement state
- » Can be used by multiple menu items / toolbar items / buttons at the same time. Create an Action once and share it.
- » Fires a property change event when an action's state changes.
 - » This allows JFace to keep the state of the widget in sync with the action.



Action: Default IAction implementation

- » Encapsulate the code you want to run in „run“ method
- » Set the decorative attributes
- » Use the action in menu / toolbar / ...

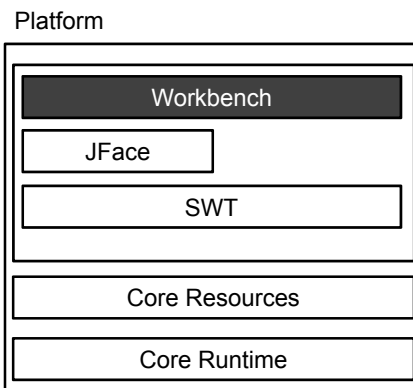
```
final IAction action = new Action("Exit JVM") {
    @Override
    public void run() {
        System.exit(0);
    }
};
// do not override getters, use setters instead:
action.setEnabled(true);
action.setDescription("Description");
action.setToolTipText("Tooltip");

// attach the action
final MenuManager menuManager = new MenuManager("File");
final ToolBarManager toolbarManager = new ToolBarManager(SWT.FLAT);

menuManager.add(action);
toolbarManager.add(action);
```



UI Workbench



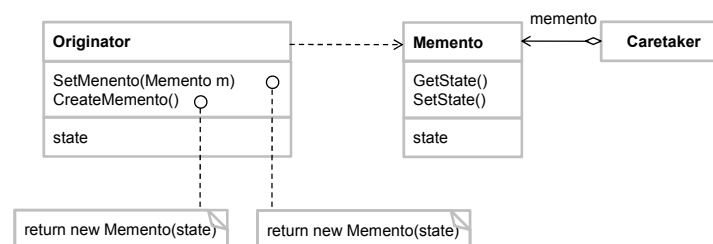
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Memento: Persisting UI State

- » Memento: *“Without violating encapsulation, capture and externalize an object's internal state so that the object can be restored to this state later.”*



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Memento: Persisting UI State

```

public class MementoViewPart extends ViewPart {

    private static final String KEY_NAME = "name";

    private static final String DEFAULT_NAME = "";

    private Text txtName;

    private String savedName = DEFAULT_NAME;

    @Override
    public void init(IViewSite site, IMemento memento) throws PartInitException {
        super.init(site, memento);
        if (memento != null) {
            final String name = memento.getString(KEY_NAME);
            this.savedName = (name != null) ? name : DEFAULT_NAME;
        }
    }

    @Override
    public void createPartControl(Composite parent) {
        txtName = new Text(parent, SWT.NONE);
        txtName.setText(savedName);
    }

    @Override
    public void setFocus() {
        txtName.setFocus();
    }

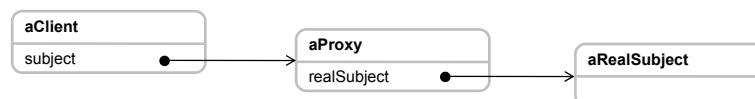
    @Override
    public void saveState(IMemento memento) {
        memento.putString(KEY_NAME, txtName.getText());
    }
}

```



Virtual Proxy: lazy loading with E.P.

- » Proxy: "Provide a surrogate or place holder for another object to control access to it."
- » Proxy structure at runtime:

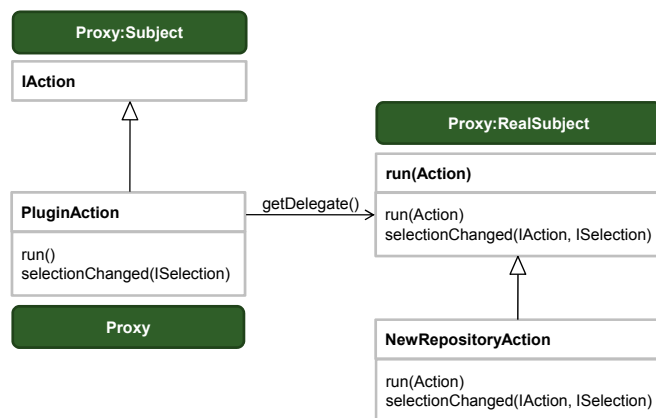


- » Virtual: the proxy has only a descriptor, the instance is created on demand



Virtual Proxies: the Lazy Loading Rule

» PluginAction Lazily Loads the Real Action:



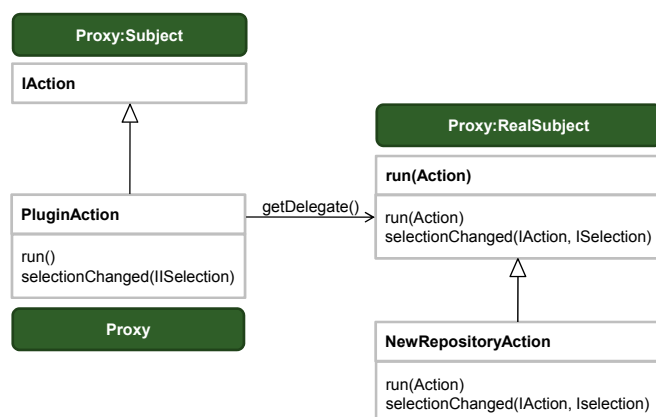
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Virtual Proxies: the Lazy Loading Rule

» PluginAction Lazily Loads the Real Action:



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IActionDelegate implementation

```
/**
 * Our sample action implements workbench action delegate.
 *
 * The action proxy will be created by the workbench and shown in the UI.
 *
 * When the user tries to use the action, this delegate will be created and
 * execution will be delegated to it.
 */
public class SampleAction implements IWorkbenchWindowActionDelegate {

    public void init(IWorkbenchWindow window) {

    }

    public void selectionChanged(IAction action, ISelection selection) {

    }

    /**
     * The action has been activated. The argument of the method represents the
     * 'real' action sitting in the workbench UI.
     *
     * @see IWorkbenchWindowActionDelegate#run
     */
    public void run(IAction action) {
        System.out.println("Hello, my real name is " + action.getText());
    }

    public void dispose() {

    }

}
```



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