

Prototype Pattern

In this assignment I decided to apply Prototype Pattern. The reason behind choosing the Prototype Creational Pattern was that the Client/Application Users will narrow down their own kind of Packages and the details are already stored in a text file which might keep getting updated. Instead of calling methods again and again, I decided to create a clone of the Packages. Creating instances of Packages will be costly. Therefore, I will create all the kinds of Package prototype instances, and when I will need a new instance, I will just clone the prototypes by overriding the clone method(). Also, the instances of a class can have one of only a few different combinations of state.

Role of Each Class

Client: Client is responsible for using the dynamic array list of objects(registry service) to access prototype instances from text file.

Class Package_Prototype_Module – It is a kind of Package Prototype Factory Generator. It will get the type of Package from the text file.

Package_Prototype - An interface used mostly for creating type references.

Class Reservations - Prototype for Users who need only reservation of transportation planned. Implements interface Package_Prototype.

Class Daily Schedule - Prototype for Users who need daily schedule to be planned exclusively. Implements interface Package_Prototype.

Class Adventure_basic - Prototype for Users who are of the age 4-14 or Family or above 60 to be planned exclusively. Implements interface Package_Prototype.

Class Adventure_Adults - Prototype for Users who are of the above 14 to be planned exclusively. Implements interface Package_Prototype.

Advantages

- 1. This approach saves costly resources and time, especially when the object creation is a heavy process.
- 2. Helps us to hide the complexity of making new instances from the client.
- 3. Adding and removing products at run-time
- 4. Specifying new objects by varying values

Disadvantage

- 1. Implementing clone() can be difficult when their internals include objects that don't support copying.
- 2. This pattern hides concrete product classes from the client
- 3. Code Duplication