Module 01: "What are Design Patterns?"





Agenda

- ▶ Introducing Design Patterns
- Design Patterns Background
- Our Approach
- General OO Principles





Introducing Design Patterns

- Reusable techniques for commonly occurring software design problems
- A common "OO design language" for developers
- Template solutions are starting points for development
 - Application design
 - Relationship between components and/or classes
 - Presented at an abstract level
 - Avoid re-inventing new solutions every day
 - Provide a uniform design quality in system design
- Design Patterns describe structure not algorithms!

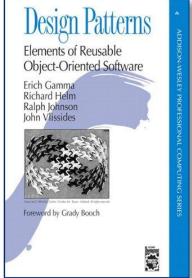




Design Patterns Background

- ▶ 1977
 - Christopher Alexander
 - Architect proposing a pattern language for buildings
- **1987**:
 - Kent Beck and Ward Cunningham
 - Conference paper presenting similar ideas for software
- **1994**:
 - Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson, and John Vlissides (a.k.a. "Gang of Four ☺)
 - Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software
 - ISBN-13: 978-0-201-63361-0
 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/Design-Patterns-Object-Oriented-Addison-Wesley-Professional-ebook/dp/B000SEIBB8









23 Gang of Four Design Patterns

- Considered the cornerstone of design patterns
- Classifies patterns into categories such as
 - Creational
 - Structural
 - Behavioral
- Presented using in general terms using UML
- Presented in a language-agnostic way (but C++ style)





Beautiful! Classic! But...

- ... 23-25 years is a long time in IT!
- Amount of design patterns theory and practice continually evolving and being refined
 - Evolves with research and practice
 - Evolves with new architectural paradigms
 - Refined by programming languages such as C#
- Consequently,
 - New design patterns emerge
 - Additional categories of patterns seem natural
 - User interface
 - Concurrency
 - Distributed
 - ...





Our Approach

- ▶ Goal: Present an up-to-date account of modern design patterns specialized for current C# and .NET
- Include all original 23 design patterns from GoF in newer and more modern versions
- Include additional newer design patterns not included in GoF
- Present C#-optimized versions of all patterns (preferably in .NET Core)
- Use practical examples instead of general terms and UML





General OO Principles

- Foundational principles ensuring adaptable and maintainable code
 - Program to an interface not an implementation
 - Favor object composition over inheritance
 - Favor loose coupling between classes
 - Sometimes even at the expense of duplication
 - Single Responsibility Principle
 - Every class should have only one reason to change
 - Open/Closed Principle
 - Classes should be open for extension, but closed for modification







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