

Antipatterns & Other Patterns

CSCI 4448/5448: Object-Oriented Analysis & Design

Lecture 40

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Goals of the Lecture

- A look at Patterns outside of OOAD...
- Review basis and definitions for AntiPatterns
- Review common AntiPatterns
- Review other typical design pattern types and sources
- Review definition of and common examples of Dark Patterns

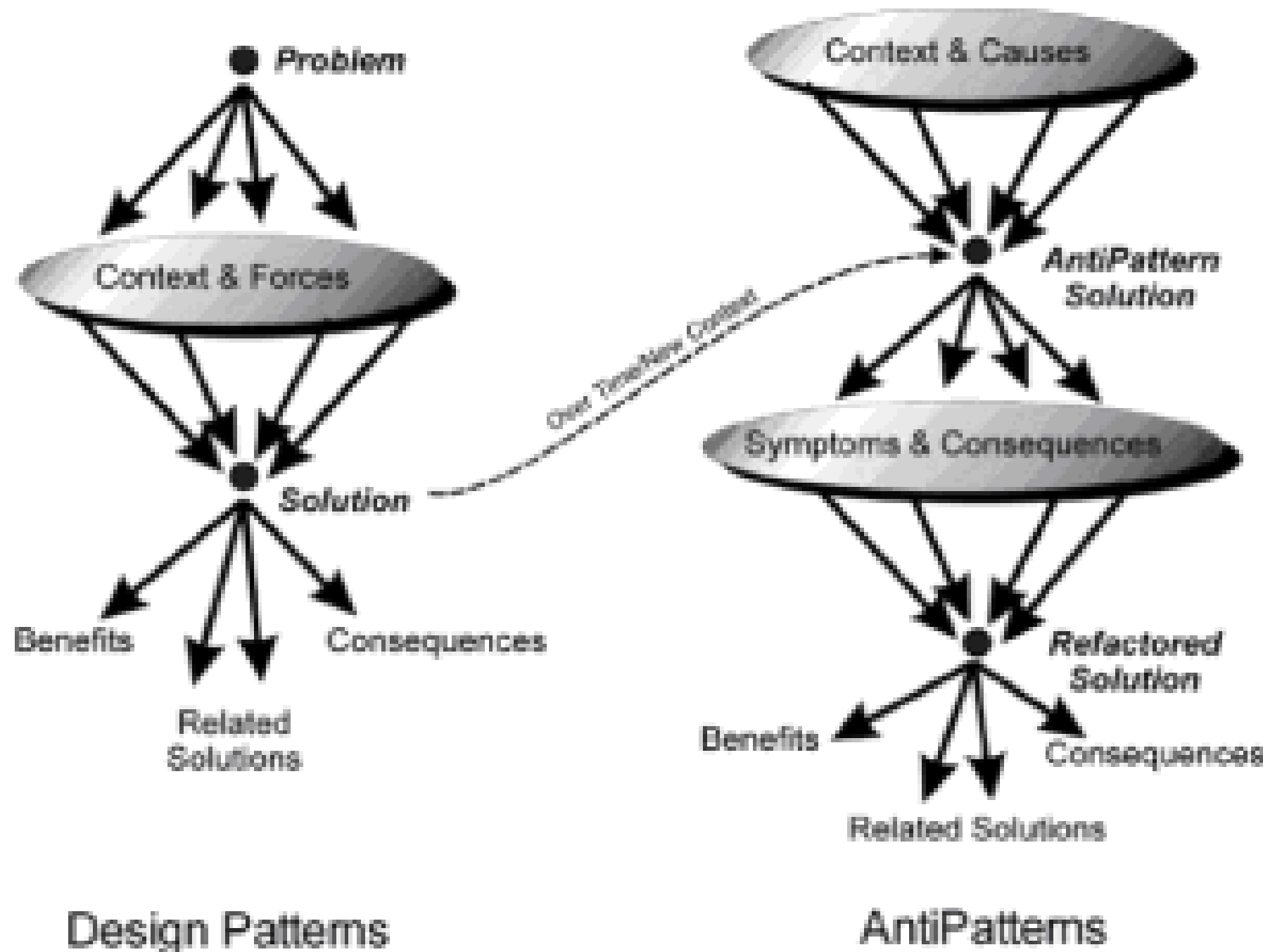
AntiPatterns?

- The AntiPatterns book describes an AntiPattern as a common solution to a problem that generates decidedly negative consequences
 - Describes the general issue
 - Primary causes
 - Symptoms
 - Consequences
 - Refactored solutions

AntiPatterns???

- All around you – bad designs, failed projects
- Most common software design mistakes...
- Truth about the software industry
- Reality of software projects
- Needed for change management
- Important method to describe why things go wrong
- More effective (!) than design patterns
- Stress release in the form of shared misery for the most common pitfalls in the software industry

Patterns vs. AntiPatterns



- The AntiPattern “solution” is bad
- The suggested “refactored” solution is the better path
- Principle viewpoints on AntiPatterns are from architects, developers, and managers

Three topics driving AntiPatterns

- Root Causes
- Primal Forces
- SDLM – software design-level model

Root Causes

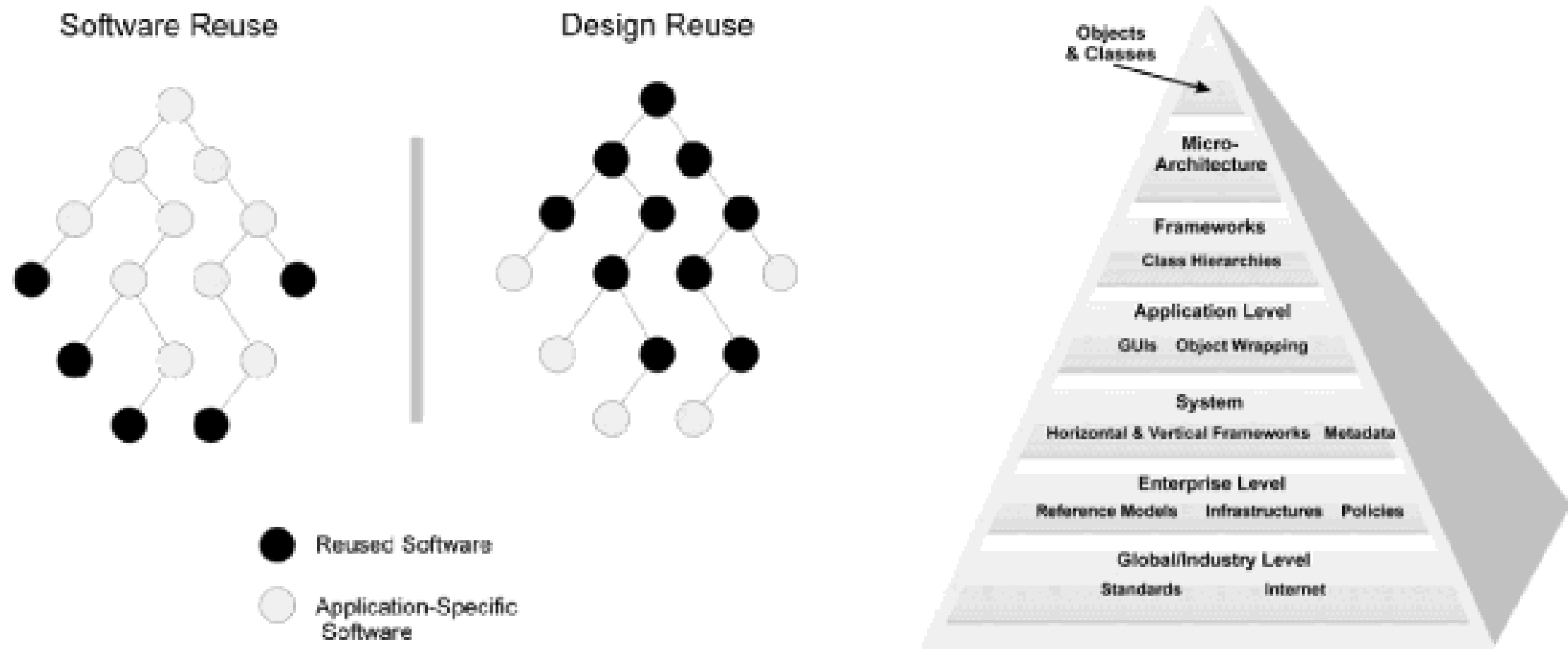
- Haste (leads to lack of test)
- Apathy (not solving known problems)
- Narrow-mindedness (refuse to use best practices)
- Sloth (using easy answers, ignoring long term impact)
- Avarice (excessive complexity)
- Ignorance (failing to seek understanding)
- Pride (not invented here)

Primal Forces

- Management of functionality: meeting the requirements
 - Management of performance: meeting required speed of operation
 - Management of complexity: defining abstractions
 - Management of change: controlling evolution of software
 - Management of IT resources: controlling use and implementation of people and IT artifacts
 - Management of technology transfer: controlling technology change
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- Different responsibilities for each – across developers, architects, project managers, CIOs
 - Different impacts for – applications, systems, enterprises, industries

Software Design-Level Model

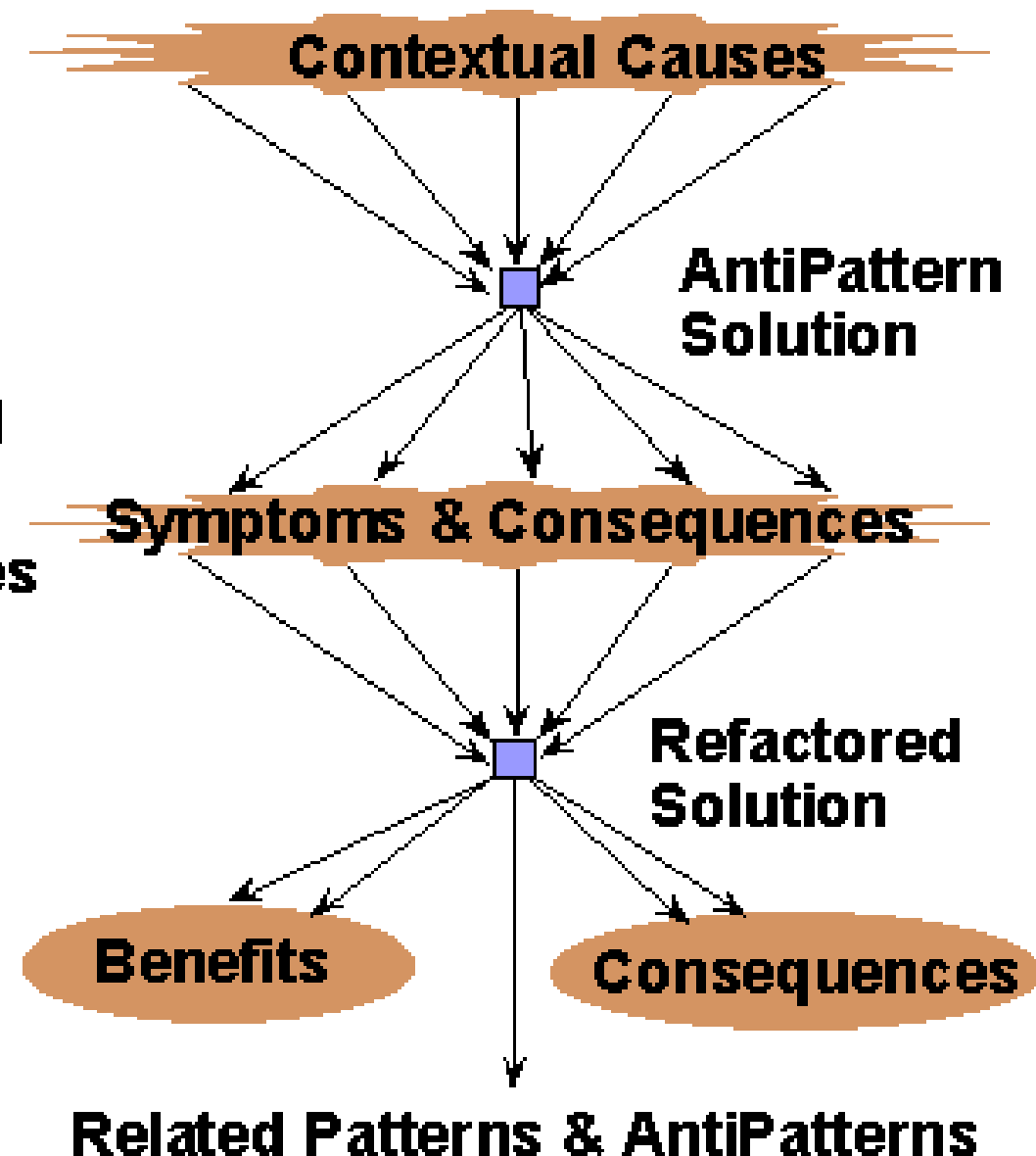
- 7 levels: global, enterprise, system, application, macro-component (frameworks), micro-component, and object
- More focus on design reuse than software reuse needed



AntiPattern Template

AntiPattern Template

- **AntiPattern Name & AKA**
- **Reference Model Keywords**
- **Background**
- **Anecdotal Evidence**
- **AntiPattern Solution (General Form)**
- **Symptoms and Consequences**
- **Typical Causes**
- **Refactored Solution**
- **Variations**
- **Example**
- **Related Solutions**



Development AntiPatterns

- The Blob – God/central controlling object(s)
- Continuous Obsolescence – lagging behind in version/tech updates
- Lava Flow →
- Ambiguous Viewpoint – unclear modeling
- Functional Decomposition – Non-OO design in OO environment
- Poltergeists – Short-lived classes
- Boat Anchor – Costly unused technologies
- Golden Hammer – familiar tech applied to everything
- Dead End – Modifyng commercial software
- Spaghetti Code – Ad hoc and difficult structure
- Input Kludge – Custom UI with many evident bugs
- Walking through a Minefield – Pervasive bugs
- Cut-and-Paste Programming – Reuse by copying causes maintenance issues
- Mushroom Management – Developers kept in dark, away from users

AntiPattern Name: Lava Flow

Also Known As: Dead Code

Most Frequent Scale: Application

Refactored Solution Name: Architectural Configuration Management

Refactored Solution Type: Process

Root Causes: Avarice, Greed, Sloth

Unbalanced Forces: Management of Functionality, Performance, Complexity

Anecdotal Evidence: “Oh that! Well Ray and Emil (they’re no longer with the company) wrote that routine back when Jim (who left last month) was trying a workaround for Irene’s input processing code (she’s in another department now, too). I don’t think it’s used anywhere now, but I’m not really sure. Irene didn’t really document it very clearly, so we figured we would just leave well enough alone for now. After all, it works doesn’t it?!”

Background

...We gradually realized that between 30 and 50 percent of the actual code that comprised this complex system was not understood or documented by any one currently working on it... ...At this point, we began calling these blobs of code “lava,” referring to the fluid nature in which they originated as compared to the basalt like hardness and difficulty in removing it once it had solidified...

Architecture Antipatterns

- Autogenerated Stovepipe – auto generated interfaces interfere with subsystem design
- Stovepipe Enterprise – Ad hoc, brittle system
- Jumble – Poor/inconsistent UI designs
- Stovepipe System →
- Cover Your Assets – document choices not decisions
- Vendor Lock-In – proprietary architectures, highly complex, not maintainable
- Wolf Ticket – product claims/listings don't match actual quality
- Architecture by Implication – no documented architecture to guide development
- Warm Bodies – Large project teams, dependent on heroes
- Design by Committee – high complexity, no common vision
- Swiss Army Knife - Overdesign
- Reinvent the Wheel - Legacy systems don't interoperate, builds in isolation
- The Grand Old Duke of York – developers without architectural design capabilities

AntiPattern Name: Stovepipe System

Also Known As: Legacy System, Uncle Sam Special, Ad Hoc Integration

Most Frequent Scale: System

Refactored Solution Name: Architecture Framework

Refactored Solution Type: Software

Root Causes: Haste, Avarice, Ignorance, Sloth

Unbalanced Forces: Management of Complexity, Change

Anecdotal Evidence: “The software project is way over-budget; it has slipped its schedule repeatedly; my users still don't get the expected features; and I can't modify the system. Every component is a stovepipe.”

Background

Stovepipe System is a widely used derogatory name for legacy software with undesirable qualities. In this AntiPattern, we attribute the cause of these negative qualities to the internal structure of the system. An improved system structure enables the evolution of the legacy system to meet new business needs and incorporate new technologies seamlessly. By applying the recommended solution, the system can gain new capabilities for adaptability that are uncharacteristic of Stovepipe Systems.

Management AntiPatterns

- Blowhard Jamboree – hype released doesn't match facts
- Analysis Paralysis – project gridlock during front end design
- Viewgraph Engineering – belief in company strength based on presentations or sales documents
- Death by Planning →
- Fear of Success – Errant behavior near releases
- Corncob – Difficult people obstruct development processes
- Intellectual Violence – Intimidation or personal gain from esoteric knowledge
- Irrational Management – Habitual indecisiveness, mistrust, or abuse
- Smoke and Mirrors – Demonstration leads to belief release is ready
- Project Mismanagement – Poor/misused development process
- Throw It Over the Wall – handoffs between entities mismanaged
- Fire Drill – demand for immediate results (esp. after management delays)
- The Feud – Management level conflicts impact teams
- E-mail Is Dangerous – E-mail used for sensitive or confrontational messages

AntiPattern Name: Death by Planning

Also Known As: Glass Case Plan, Detailitis Plan

Most Frequent Scale: Enterprise

Refactored Solution Name: Rational Planning

Refactored Solution Type: Process

Root Causes: Avarice, Ignorance, Haste

Unbalanced Forces: Management of Complexity

Anecdotal Evidence:

"We can't get started until we have a complete program plan."

"The plan is the only thing that will ensure our success."

"As long as we follow the plan and don't diverge from it, we will be successful."

"We have a plan; we just need to follow it!"

Background

In many organizational cultures, detailed planning is an assumed activity for any project. This assumption is appropriate for manufacturing activities and many other types of projects, but not necessarily for many software projects, which contain many unknowns and chaotic activities by their very nature. Death by Planning occurs when detailed plans for software projects are taken too seriously.

Other Patterns

- Additional OO Patterns (non-GoF)
- UI/UX Patterns
- Responsive Patterns
- Architectural Patterns
- Test/Automation Patterns
- Security Patterns
- Game Programming Patterns
- Machine Learning Design Patterns
- Microservices Patterns (covered elsewhere)
- Real-time Embedded Patterns

You can likely find others for most specific design related topics...

Always good to search for when you're starting a design...

Remember, patterns are providing experience reuse!

Take advantage of them, it doesn't mean you can't be creative, but it might help you avoid mistakes...

Other OO Patterns (not Gang of Four)

- Business Delegate – decouples presentation and business code – delegates business logic, lookups, and services for UI elements
- Composite Entity – ripples updates and persistence of graph objects
- Data Access Object – separates data access API from high level business objects (as with an ORM)
- Front Controller – centralizes response to requests for authentication, authorization, logging, request tracking – passes requests to handlers – creates a dispatcher for incoming requests
- Intercepting Filter – a filter for a request object, can be a chain of filters executing in order
- Service Locator – Caches high-cost service object requests
- Transfer (or Value) Object – Pass multi-attribute data sets from clients to servers
- From https://www.tutorialspoint.com/design_pattern/index.htm

Other OO Patterns (not Gang of Four)

- Useful Wikipedia article listing OO design patterns and whether they are GoF or in Code Complete
 - Also some commentary on critical articles re pattern use
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software_design_pattern
- Examples of non-Gang of Four “patterns”
 - Creational
 - Dependency Injection, Lazy Initialization, RAll (ensures resources are released when object lifespan ends)
 - Structural
 - Extension Object, Marker, Twin (allows multiple inheritance in languages that do not directly support it)
 - Behavioral
 - Servant, Specification (combine business logic using Boolean control)
 - Concurrency (Multithreading, Multiprocessing)
 - Double-checked locking, Join, Scheduler (control when threads can execute)

UI/UX Patterns

- [UI Patterns](#) (shown)
 - Also includes Persuasive Design Patterns
- [Interaction Pattern Library](#)
- [UI Design Examples](#)
- [Other UI Pattern Libraries](#)

Getting input	Navigation	Dealing with data	Social
Forms WYSIWYG Password Strength Meter Input Prompt Input Feedback Calendar Picker Structured Format Fill in the Blanks Expandable Input Morphing Controls Keyboard Shortcuts Captcha Settings Drag and drop Preview Rule Builder Undo Inplace Editor Forgiving Format Good Defaults Autosave	Tabs Module Tabs Navigation Tabs Jumping in hierarchy Notifications Breadcrumbs Shortcut Dropdown Modal Fat Footer Home Link Menus Vertical Dropdown Menu Horizontal Dropdown Menu Accordion Menu Content Carousel Cards Event Calendar Adaptable View Tagging Categorization Progressive Disclosure Pagination Article List Favorites Continuous Scrolling Archive Tag Cloud Thumbnail Gestures Pull to refresh	Tables Table Filter Alternating Row Colors Sort By Column Formatting data Dashboard Copy Box Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Images Slideshow Gallery Image Zoom Search Autocomplete Search Filters	Reputation Collectible Achievements Leaderboard Testimonials Social interactions Friend list <small>Mini</small> Activity Stream Chat Auto-sharing <small>Mini</small> Friend Reaction Invite friends Follow
Miscellaneous			
Shopping Product page Pricing table Shopping Cart Coupon Increasing frequency Tip A Friend			
Onboarding			
Guidance Walkthrough Blank Slate Coachmarks Playthrough Guided Tour Inline Hints Registration Lazy Registration Account Registration Paywall			

Web and Responsive Design Patterns

- [Responsive Design Patterns](#) (shown)
- [Javascript Design Patterns](#) (mix of OO patterns and others)
- [579 Web Style Guides](#)

Layout

Reflowing Layouts

Mostly Fluid
Column Drop
Layout Shifter
Tiny Tweaks
Main column with sidebar
3 column
3 column v2
3 Columns content reflow
Responsive UI Examples

Source-Order Shift

Table Cell
Flexbox
AppendAround

Equal Width

2 equal-width columns
3 equal-width columns
4 equal-width columns
5 equal-width columns
6 equal-width columns

Lists

List with Thumbnails
List with Thumbnails 2
List with Thumbnails and Summary

Off Canvas

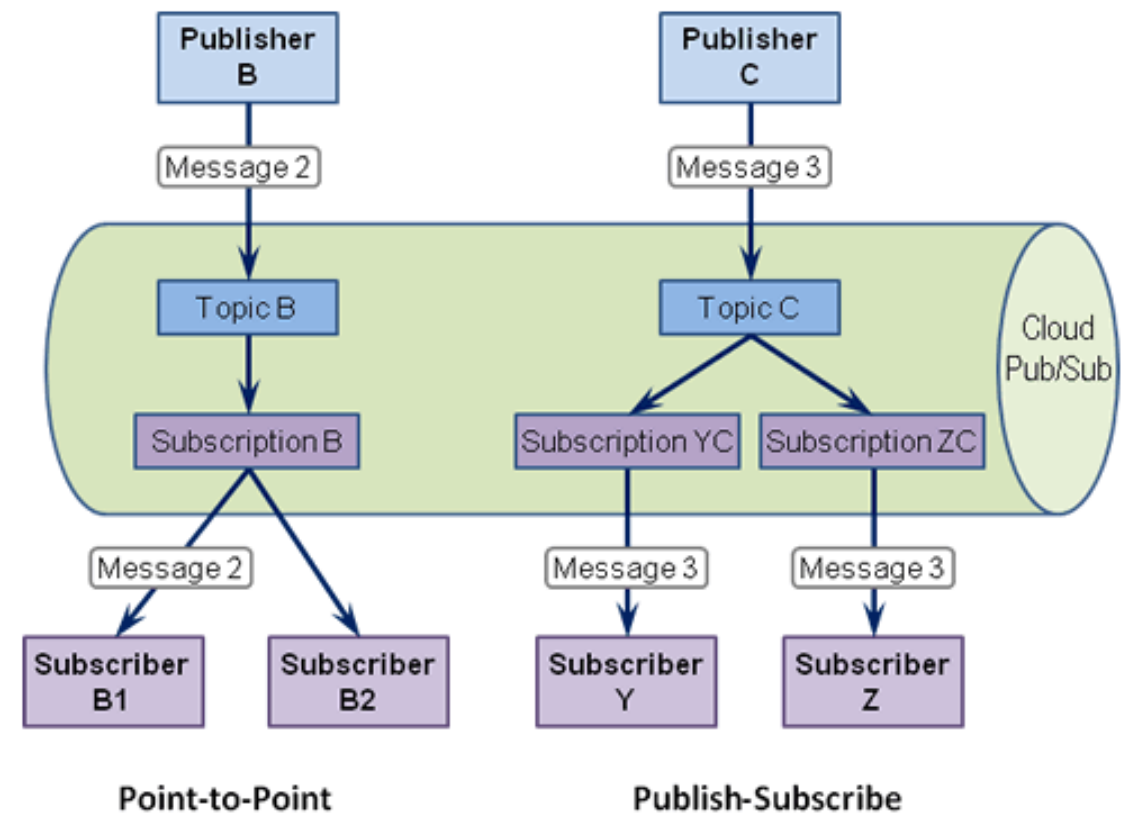
Top
Left
Right
Left and Right
Bottom
Full Screen Overlay

Grid Block

4-up Grid Block
Double-Wide v1
Double-Wide v2
Double-Wide v3
Double-Wide v4
With Title Sections
Equal Height Rows
Irregular Grid Blocks

Architectural Patterns

- [Enterprise Integration Patterns](#)
(from the book by Fowler, a very complete web site for the book – typical diagram shown →)
- [10 Common Software Architectural Patterns in a nutshell](#)
- [Domain Driven Design Patterns](#)
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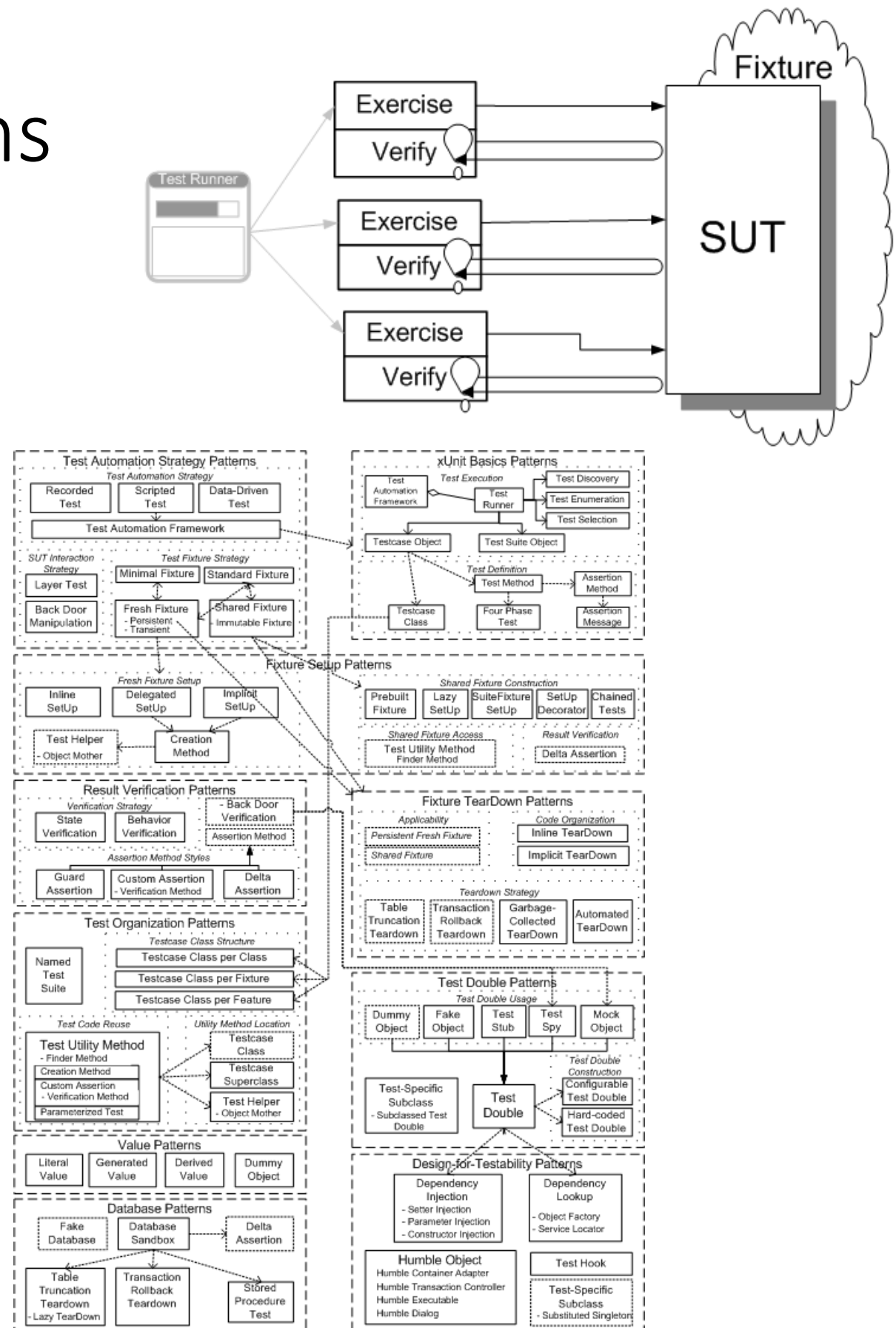


Test/Automation Patterns

- [Test Automation Patterns Book \(Axelrod\)](#)

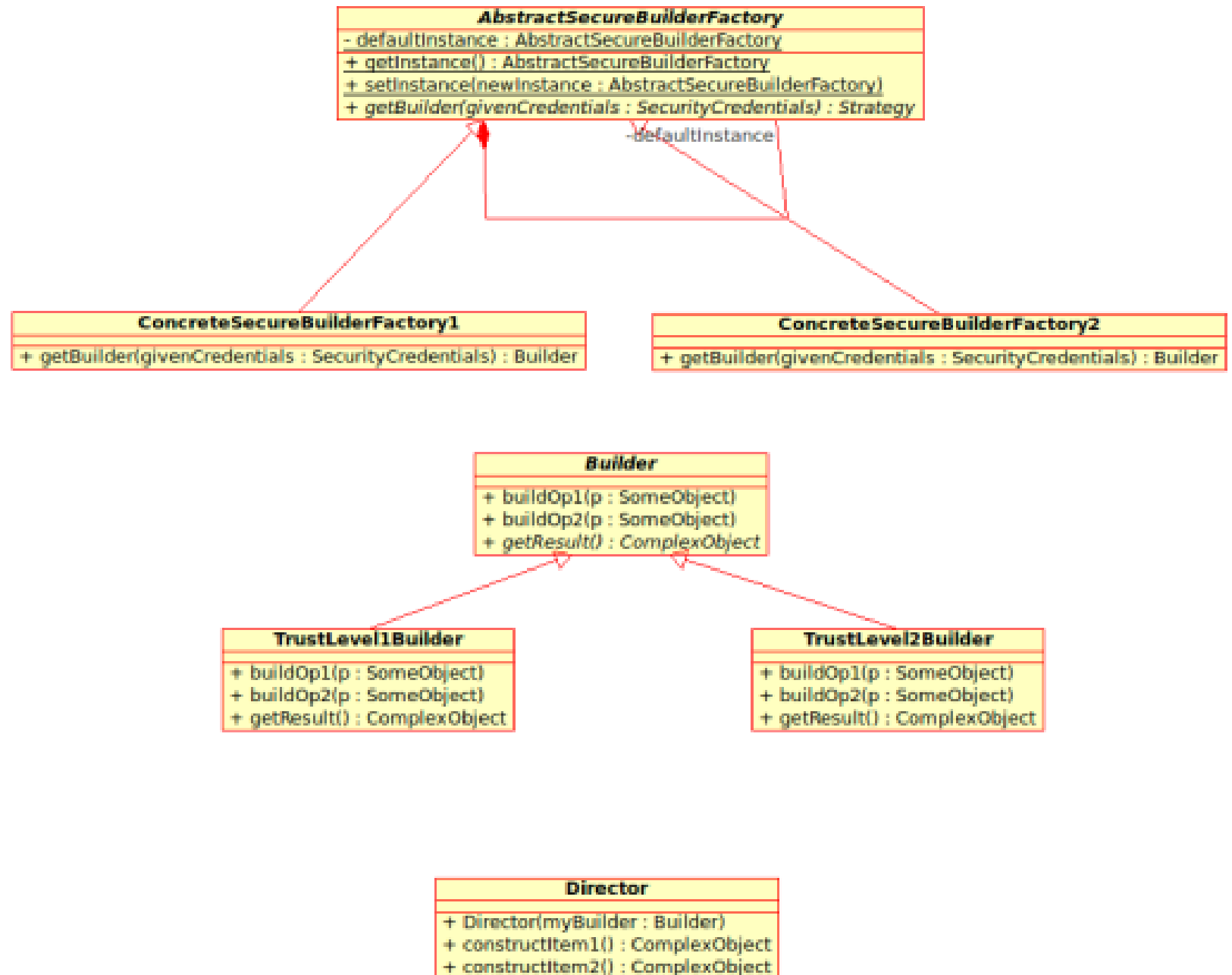
- [XUnit Test Patterns](#)

- Test Automation
- xUnit Basics
- Fixture Setup
- Result Verification
- Test Organization
- Values and Databases
- Fixture Teardown
- Test Doubles
- Design for Testability



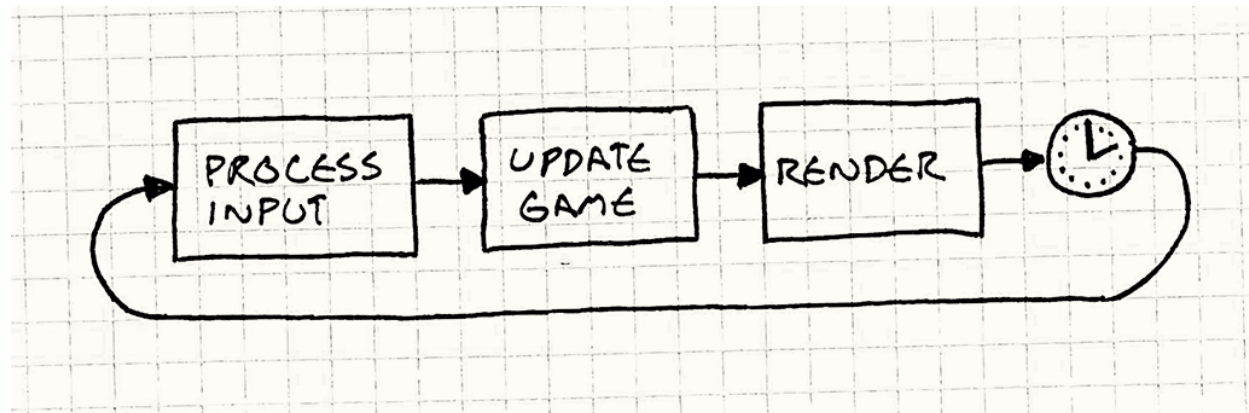
Security Patterns

- [Security Pattern Repository](#) (UT San Antonio)
- [Security Analysis and Patterns](#) (OWASP)
- [Secure Design Patterns](#) (SEI)
 - Secure Builder Factory shown



Game Programming Patterns

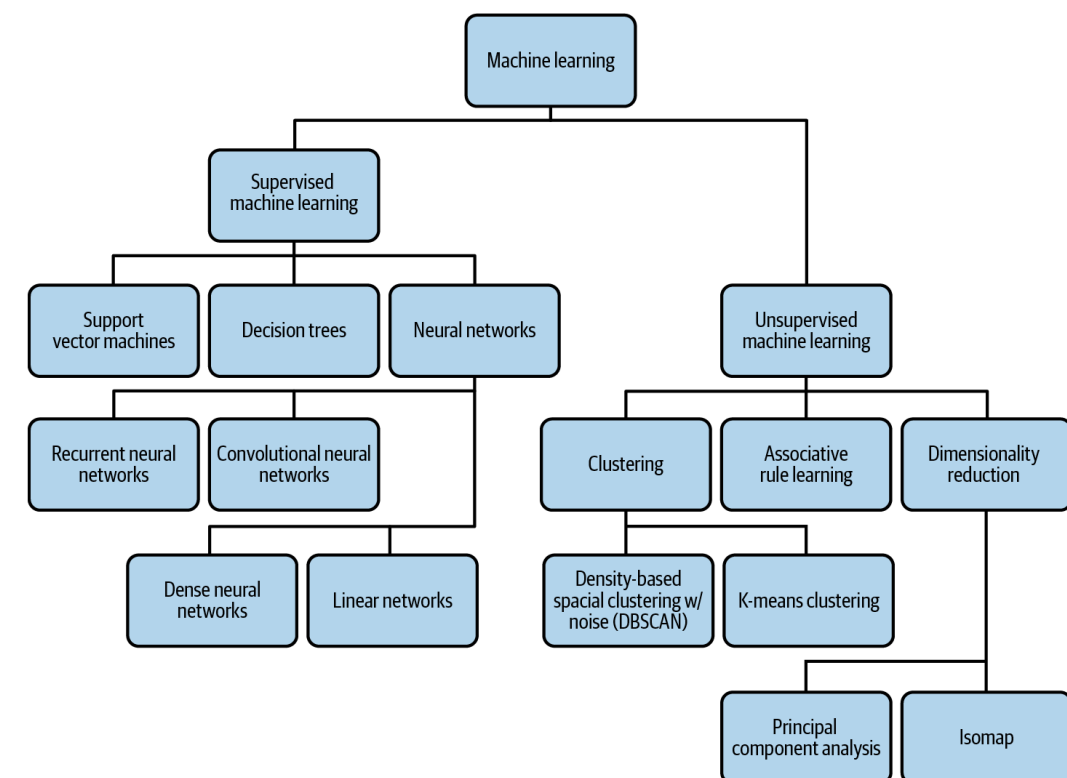
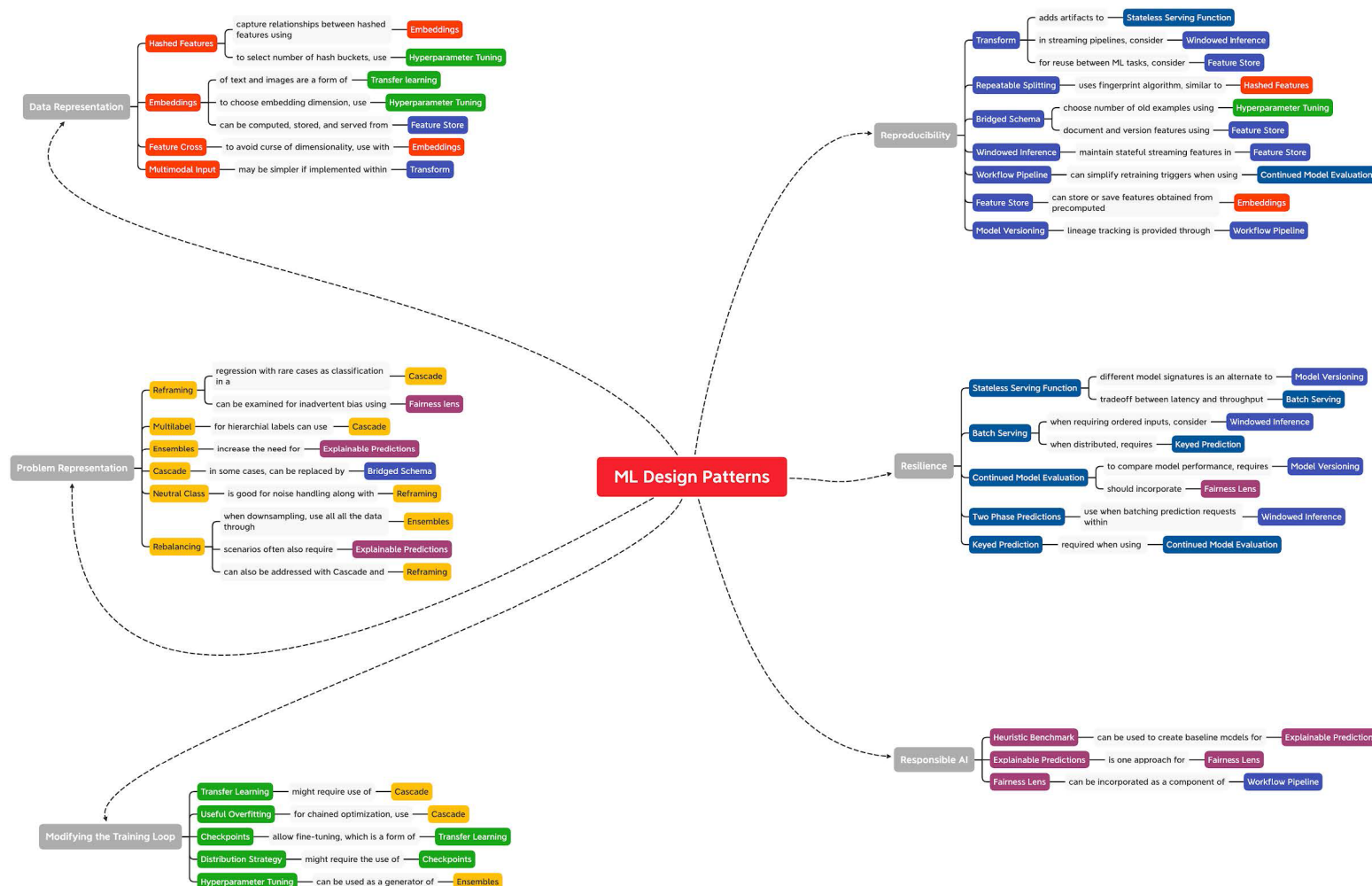
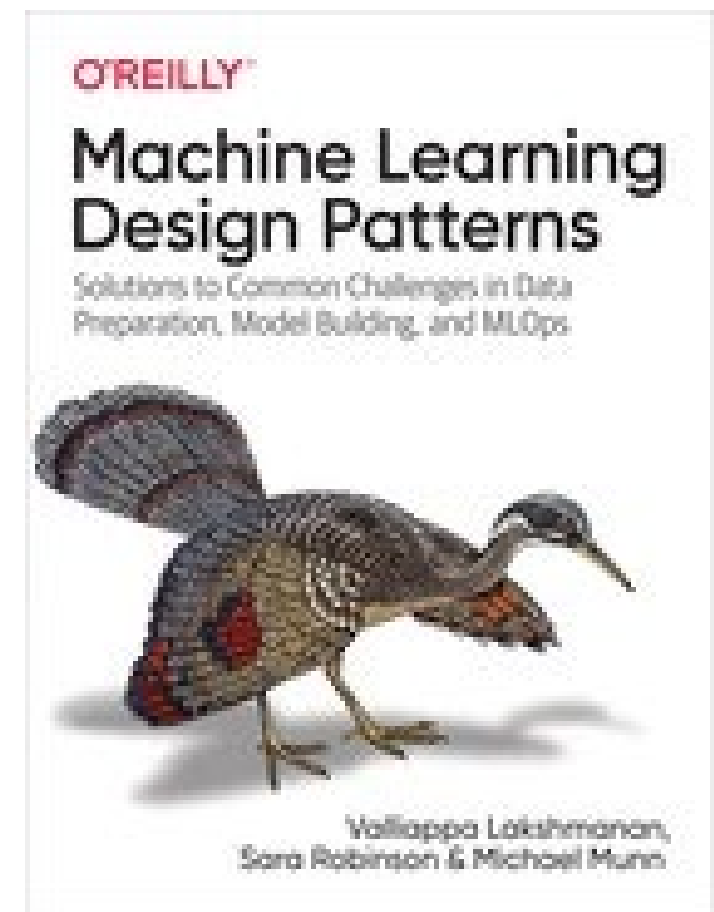
- Patterns applied/developed for game applications!
- Discusses common OO patterns in games
- Adds game specific patterns for
 - Sequencing
 - Game Loop →
 - Behavior
 - Decoupling
 - Optimization



- Relates solutions to tools like Unity
- Robert Nystrom at <https://gameprogrammingpatterns.com/>

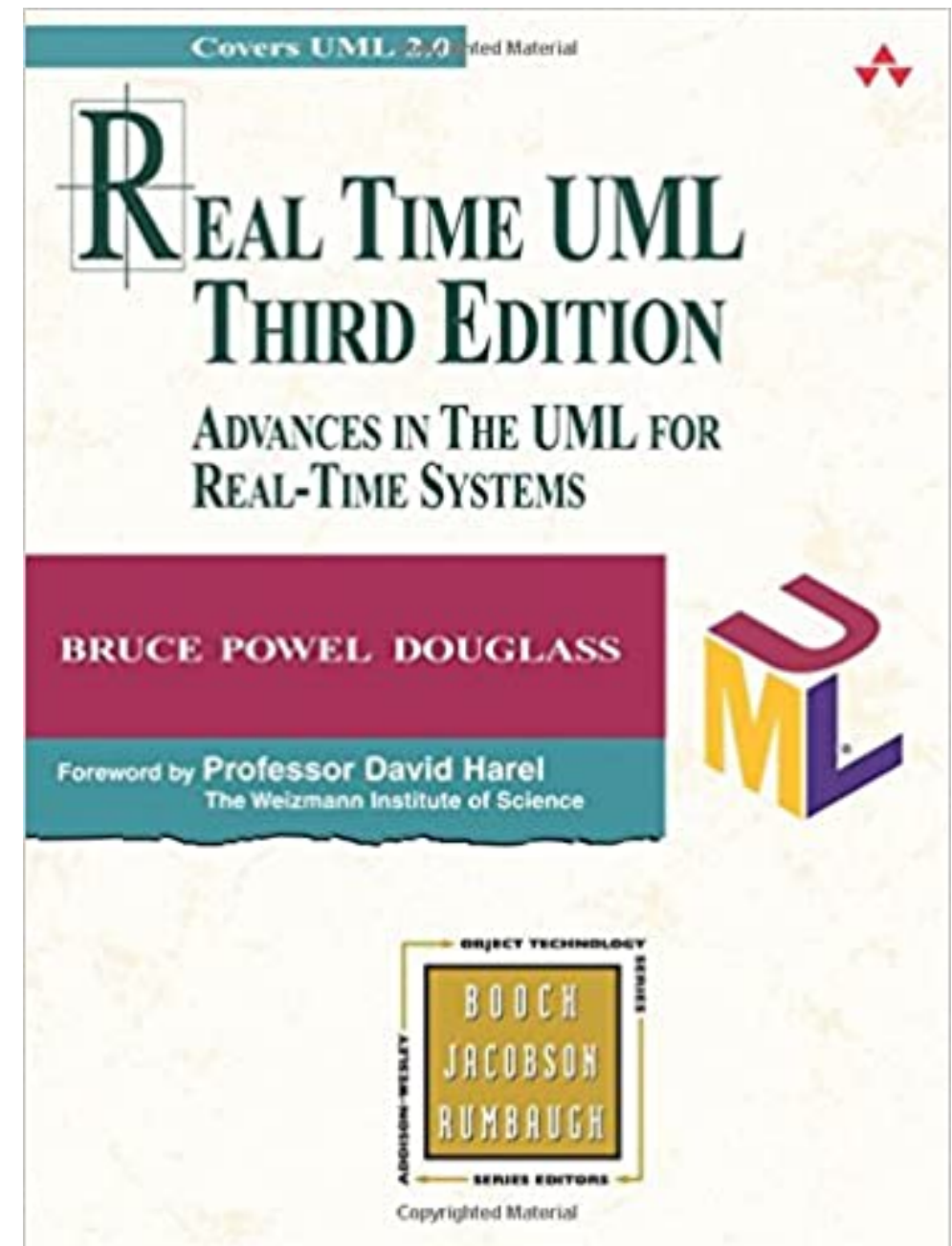
Machine Learning Design Patterns

- Book on ML Concerns and Design Patterns
- Data Representation, Problem Representation, Modifying the Training Loop, Reproducibility, Resilience, Responsible AI



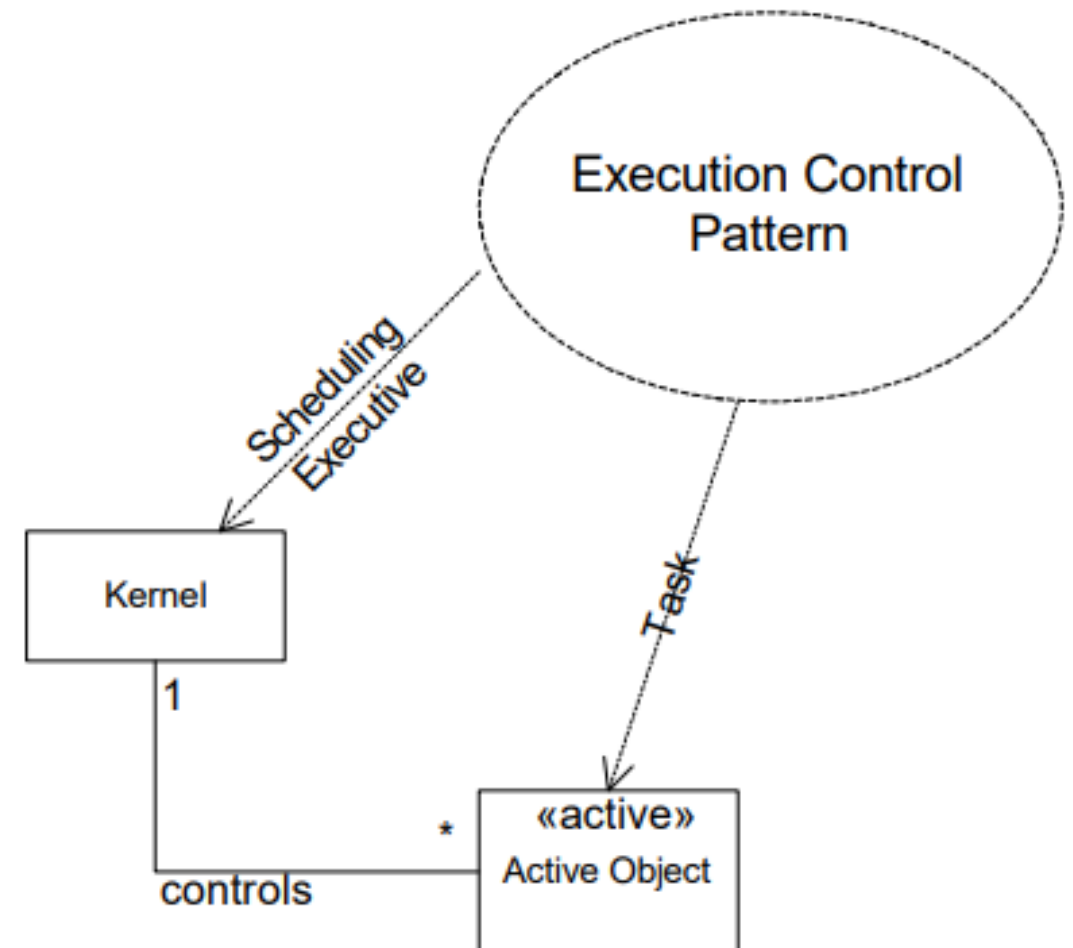
Real-time Embedded Patterns

- Real-Time Design Patterns (Douglas):
<http://www.uml.org.cn/UMLApplication/pdf/rtpatterns.pdf>
- Book - Real Time UML: Advances in the UML for Real-Time Systems (3rd Edition) 3rd Edition (Douglass, 2004, Addison-Wesley)



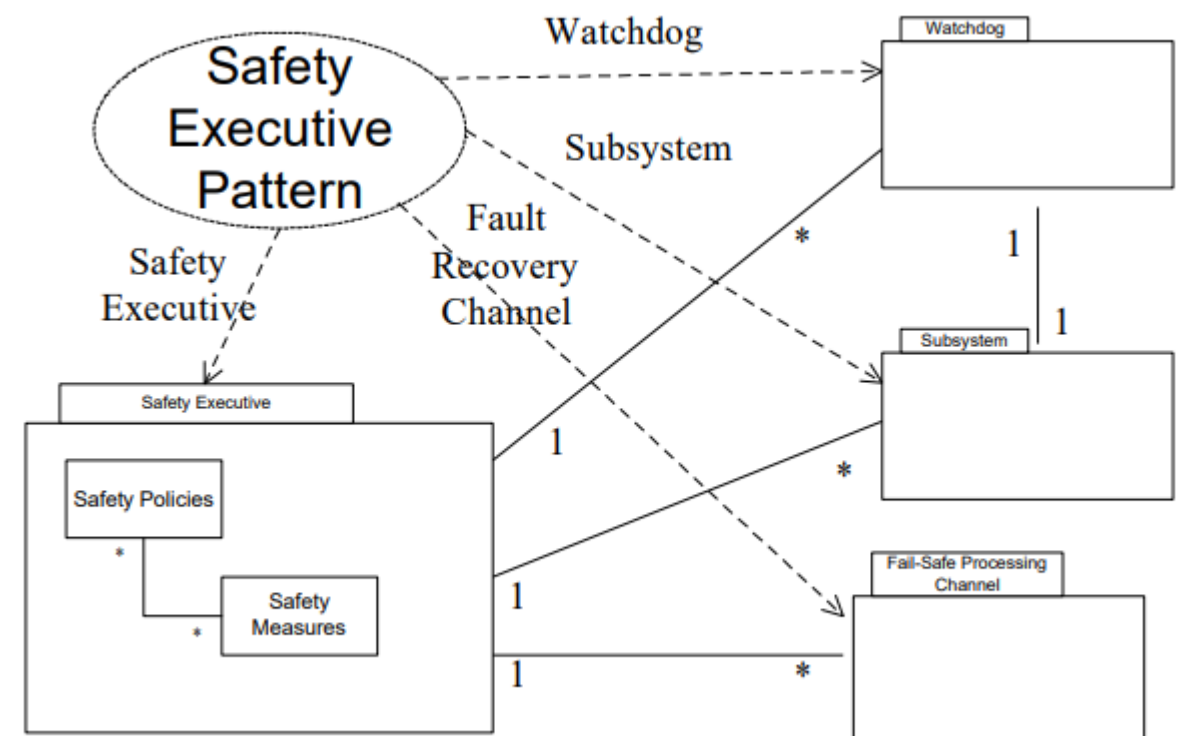
Real-Time Embedded Patterns

- Execution Control
 - Preemptive Multitasking
 - Cyclic Executive
 - Time Slicing
 - Cooperative Multitasking
 - Communications
- Master-Slave
 - Time-division Multiplexing Access
 - Bus-mastered
- Reuse
 - Microkernel (layered system structure)
- Distributed Systems
 - Proxy (known connections)
 - Broker (unknown connections)
 - Asymmetric Processing – dedicated nodes
 - Symmetric Processing – dynamic load allocation
 - Semi-symmetric processing – as available



Real-Time Embedded Patterns

- Resource
 - Static allocation
 - Fixed-size allocation
 - Priority ceiling – avoiding priority inversion
- Safety & Reliability
 - Homogeneous Redundancy – identical processing channels to avoid faults
 - Heterogeneous Redundancy – diverse processing channels
 - Sanity check – One channel processes, another checks it
 - Monitor-Actuator – One channel processes, another monitors performance
 - Watchdog
 - Safety Executive – Central safety monitor to id and recover from faults



Dark Patterns?

- (Not really patterns)
- Dark Patterns are tricks used in websites and apps that make you do things that you didn't mean to, like buying or signing up for something
- Darkpatterns.org wants to spread awareness and to shame companies that use them
- Came from an initial blog post by Harry Brignull, who runs Darkpatterns.com [4]

Types of Dark Patterns

- Trick Questions →
 - While filling in a form you respond to a question that tricks you into giving an answer you didn't intend. When glanced upon quickly the question appears to ask one thing, but when read carefully it asks another thing entirely
- Sneak into Basket
 - You attempt to purchase something, but somewhere in the purchasing journey the site sneaks an additional item into your basket, often through the use of an opt-out radio button or checkbox on a prior page
- Roach Motel
 - You get into a situation very easily, but then you find it is hard to get out of it (e.g. a premium subscription)

Please enter your details to reserve your item(s)

Title :

First name * :

Last name * :

Email * :

Phone number * :

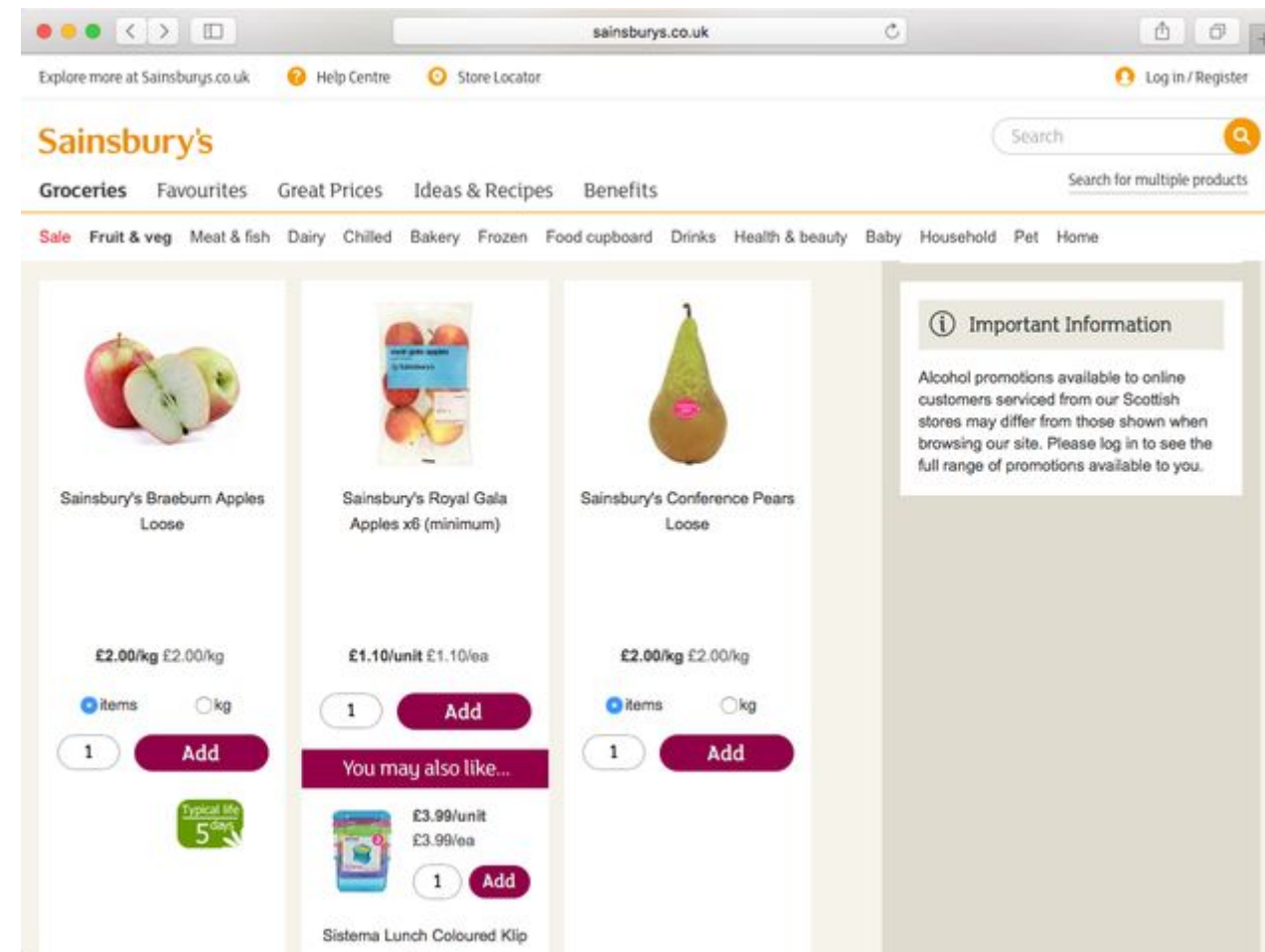
☐ Please do not send me details of products and offers from Currys.co.uk

☐ Please send me details of products and offers from third party organisations recommended by Currys.co.uk

Reserve items

Types of Dark Patterns

- Privacy Zuckering
 - You are tricked into publicly sharing more information about yourself than you really intended to; Named after Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg
- Price Comparison Prevention →
 - The retailer makes it hard for you to compare the price of an item with another item, so you cannot make an informed decision
- Misdirection
 - The design purposefully focuses your attention on one thing in order to distract your attention from another



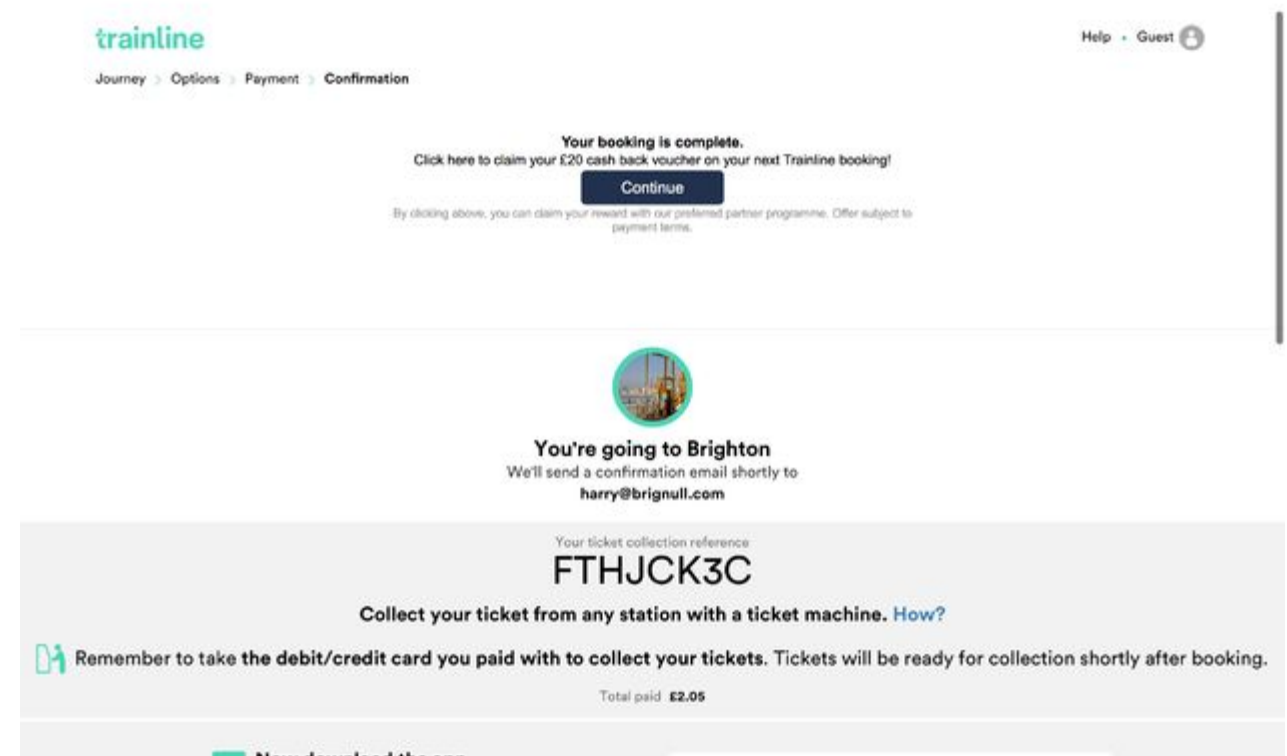
Types of Dark Patterns

- Hidden Costs
 - You get to the last step of the checkout process, only to discover some unexpected charges have appeared, e.g. delivery charges, tax, etc
- Bait and Switch →
 - You set out to do one thing, but a different, undesirable thing happens instead
- Confirmshaming
 - The act of guilt-tripping the user into opting into something; the option to decline is worded in such a way as to shame the user into compliance



Types of Dark Patterns

- Disguised Ads →
 - Adverts that are disguised as other kinds of content or navigation, in order to get you to click on them
- Forced Continuity
 - When your free trial with a service comes to an end and your credit card silently starts getting charged without any warning; in some cases this is made even worse by making it difficult to cancel the membership
- Friend Spam
 - The product asks for your email or social media permissions under the pretense it will be used for a desirable outcome (e.g. finding friends), but then spams all your contacts in a message that claims to be from you



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Next Steps

- Graduate Pecha Kucha **due today**
 - You must sign up for a Wed/Fri Pecha Kucha class presentation slot here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EGvA3ZnKVhheJqdRUp7obqG7n3sLQPqCtV8mxwJhB0U/edit?usp=sharing>
- Project 7 **due Wed 12/8 at 8 PM**
 - Includes report, code, and recorded demonstration
- Graduate Final Research Presentation **due Wed 12/8 at 8 PM**
 - Details on assignments in Canvas Files/Class Files
- New Quiz open now **due 12/1** – opportunity for class feedback
- Bruce will be at normal office hours for the next two weeks
- Last two weeks of class
 - Week of 11/29
 - Anti- and Other Patterns
 - Graduate Pecha Kuchas (bonus points for attendance)
 - Week of 12/6
 - Final Review
 - (New) Comparative Software Design Philosophy
 - Other than OOAD
 - Class Wrap-up
- New Piazza topic this week for your comments for Participation Grade, last topic post soon
- Piazza article posts now available for extra bonus points (if you're not getting points in class); will add those bonus points in **after 12/8**
- Find a class staff member if you need anything!