

Pattern Examples

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What's this?



■ Problem context

- ⚡ Want to connect systems with different interfaces but similar behaviour

■ Forces

- ⚡ Can't change either system

■ Solution

- ⚡ Use an intermediary – an adapter



What's this?



Decorator

■ Problem context

- Want to change behaviour of system

■ Forces

- Can't change the interface

■ Solution

- Put a new element “inline”



What's this?

Front



Rear



Interceptor

■ Problem context

- ⋈ Want to be able to alter behaviour, add/remove elements without rewiring

■ Forces

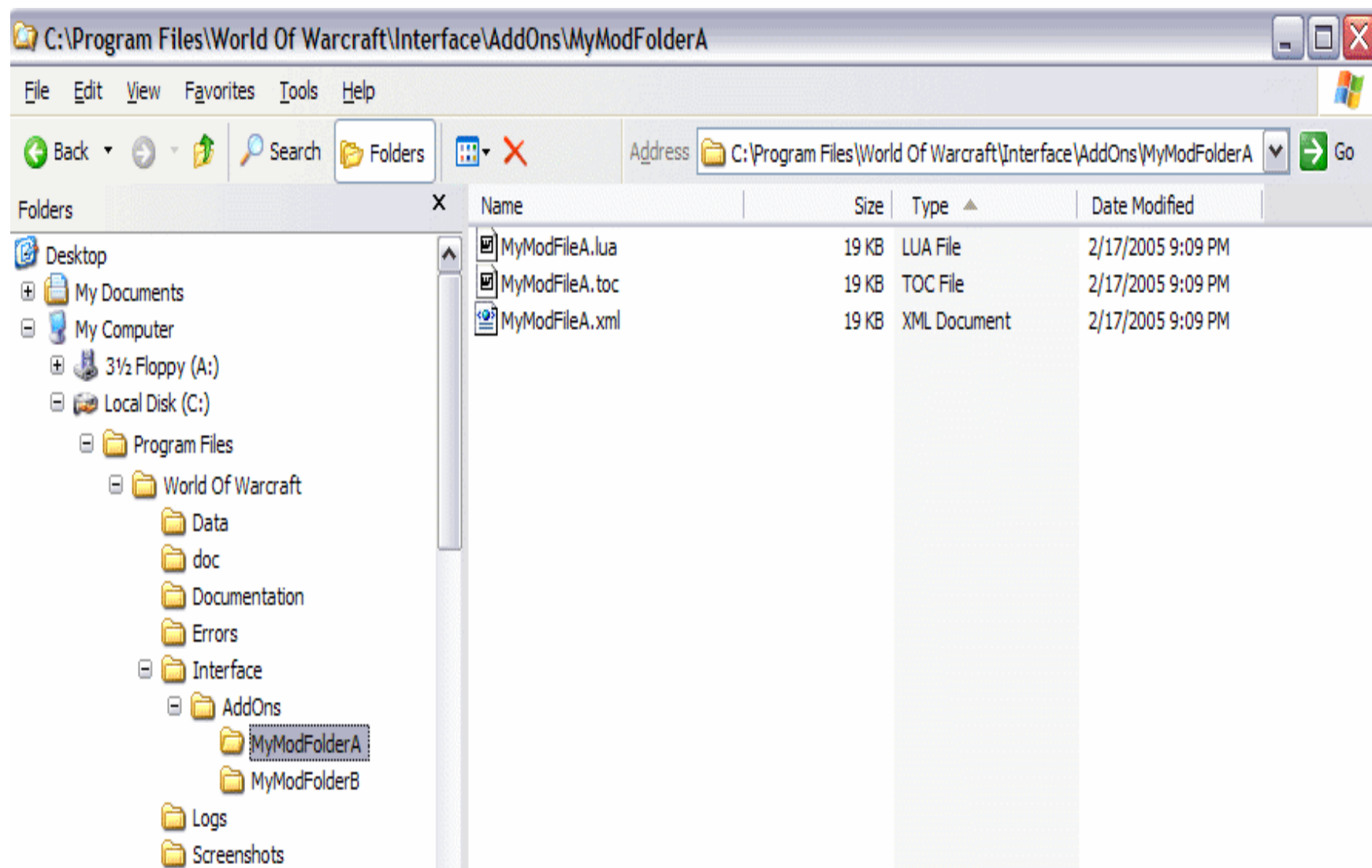
- ⋈ Can't change the interfaces

■ Solution

- ⋈ Use a connection system



What's this?



Composite

■ Problem context

- ⌘ Want to be able to treat files and directories the same way

■ Forces

- ⌘ Don't want lots of “if” statements

■ Solution

- ⌘ Create a composite element that unifies the behaviour of both



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Composite (part 2)

■ Problem context

- ⌘ Want to be able to treat regions, sub-regions and countries the same way

■ Forces

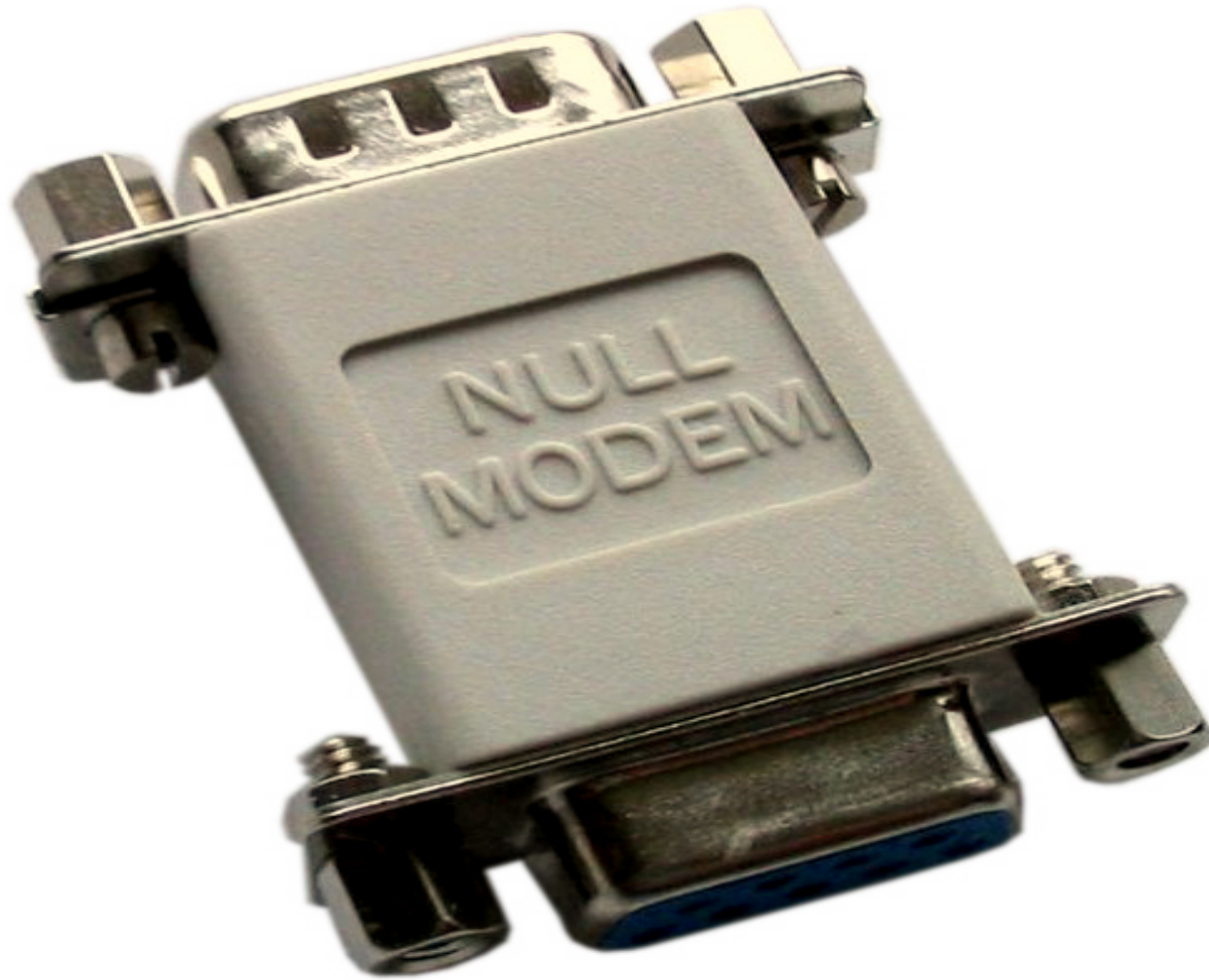
- ⌘ Don't want lots of “if” statements

■ Solution

- ⌘ Create a composite element that unifies the behaviour of both



What's this?



Null Object

■ Problem context

- ⚡ Want to be able to “do nothing” when “something” is required

■ Forces

- ⚡ Don't want lots of “if” statements

■ Solution

- ⚡ Create an element that has the same interface but does nothing



What's this?



■ Problem context

- ⌘ Want to be able to access something remotely

■ Forces

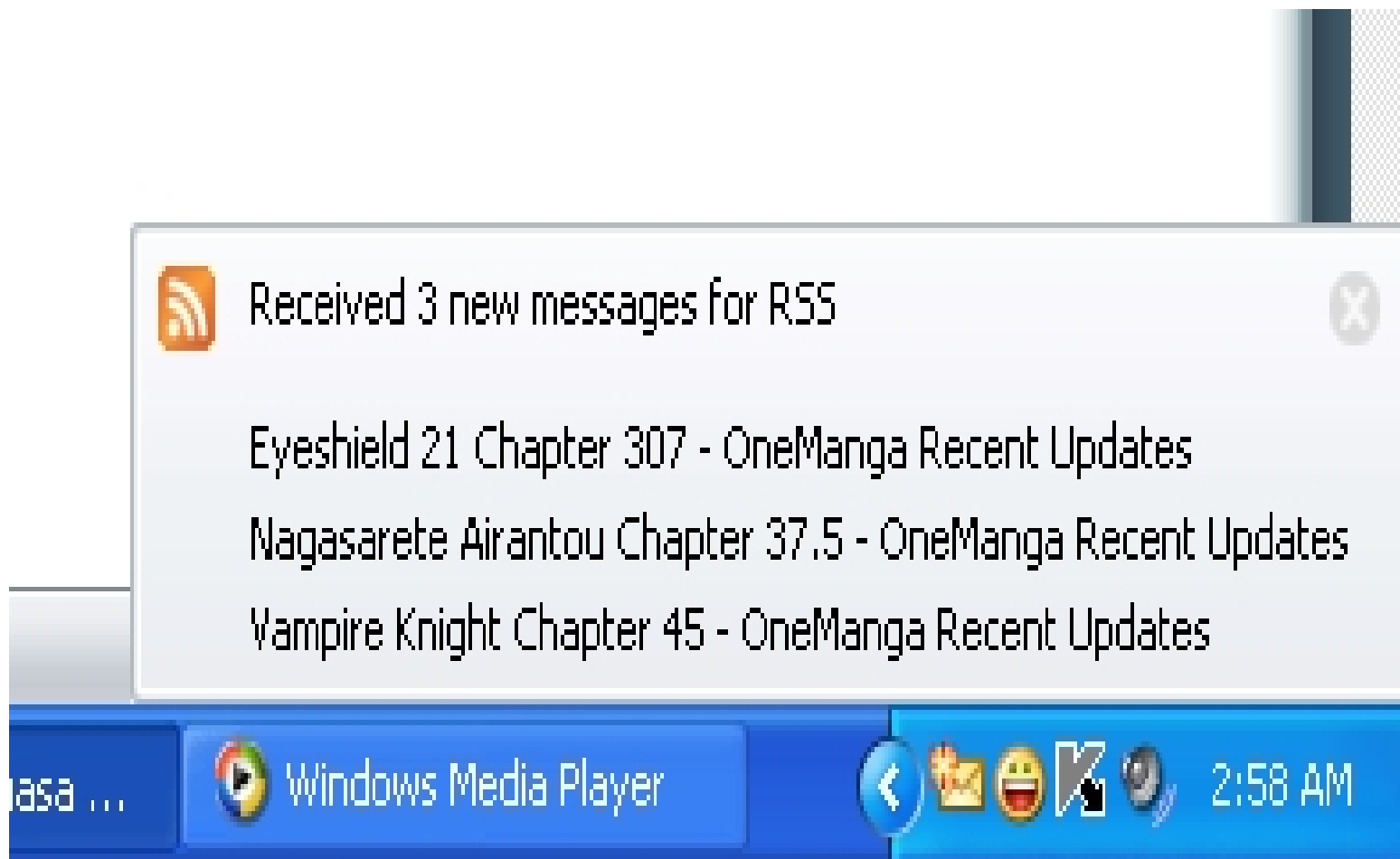
- ⌘ Want the same interface

■ Solution

- ⌘ Create an element that moves the interface closer to you



What's this?



■ Problem context

- ⌘ Want to be notified of changes without having to poll

■ Forces

- ⌘ Don't want the notifier to have to know about the people being notified

■ Solution

- ⌘ Keep a list of interested people and call them when a change occurs



What's this?



Chain of Responsibility

■ Problem context

- /// Need to ensure queries get handled

■ Forces

- /// Want to limit access to more expensive resources

■ Solution

- /// Create a chain of handlers (with the same interface) that pass on requests they can't handle



What's this?



Command

■ Problem context

- ⋈ Want to encapsulate an action

■ Forces

- ⋈ Want to separate what to do and when to do it

■ Solution

- ⋈ Create an object that knows what to do and call it later



What's this?



Command (part 2)

■ Problem context

- /// Need to be able to undo actions

■ Forces

- /// Must integrate with “do” Command

■ Solution

- /// Use Command pattern and store previous state (undo information) in object



- Patterns are everywhere
- They aren't about computers and software
- Interfaces are key design point
 - /// Adding new ones
 - /// Not changing
 - /// Allow for substitution
- Add new objects as intermediates

