Episode 1

Design Patterns Series

- Saturday, October 21, 2017: Episode 1
 Introduction, Composite, Singleton, Flyweight, Observer
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Design Patterns - Episode 1

- 1. Introduction to Design Patterns
- 2. Composite
- 3. Singleton
- 4. Flyweight
- 5. Observer

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Schedule

10:00 - 12:00: Introduction, Composite

12:00 - 13:00: Lunch break

13:00 - 16:00: Singleton, Flyweight, Observer

Questions? Ask right ahead.

Need a break? We'll take one.

For each Pattern

- 1. The Problem
- 2. The Pattern
- 3. Use if...
- 4. Implement it in Java
- 5. Consequences, open discussion

Gamma, Helm, Johnson, Vlissides:

Design Patterns. Elements of Reusable

Object Oriented Software.

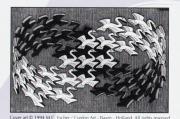
1995 Pearson Education

"Gang of Four" "GoF design patterns"

Design Patterns

Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software

Erich Gamma Richard Helm Ralph Johnson John Vlissides



Foreword by Grady Booch

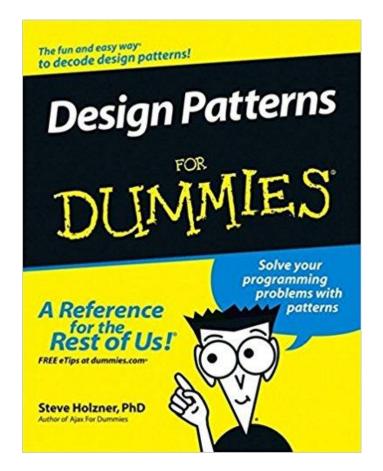


Holzner:

Design Patterns for Dummies.

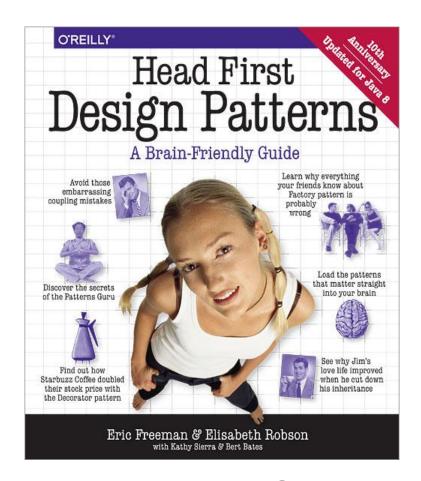
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Freeman, Robson, Bates, Sierra: **Head First Design Patterns: A Brain-Friendly Guide.**2004 O'Reilly

"Head First"



What is a pattern?

"Each pattern describes a problem which occurs over and over again in our environment, and then describes the core of the solution to that problem, in such a way that you can use this solution a million times over, without ever doing it the same way twice"

~ GoF / Christopher Alexander

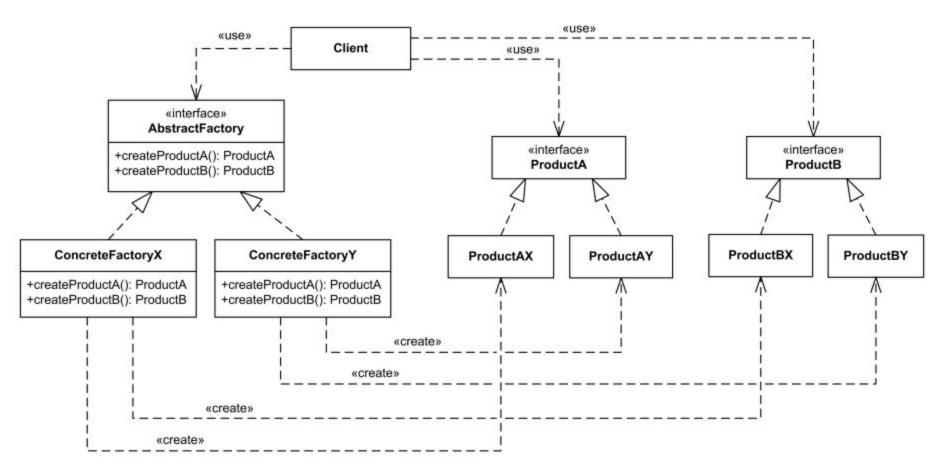
What is a pattern?

"Congratulations, your problem has already been solved."

~ Dummies

What is a pattern in object-oriented software?

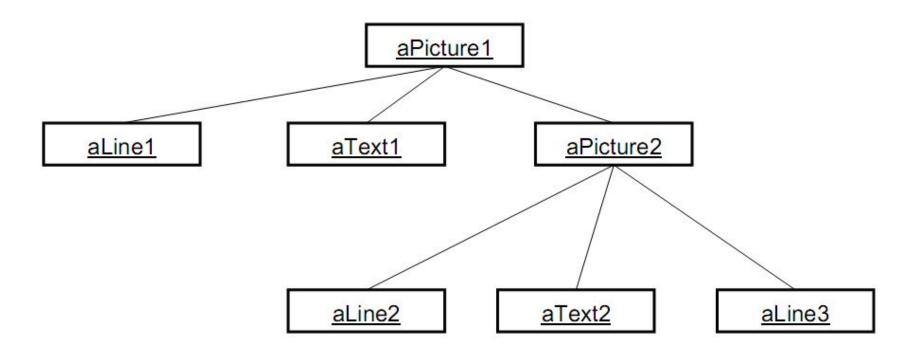
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UML Diagrams

Creational Patterns	Structural Patterns	Behavioral Patterns
Singleton	Composite	Observer
Factory Method	Flyweight	Command
Abstract Factory	Decorator	Mediator
Builder	Proxy	Strategy
Prototype	Adapter	Chain of Responsibility
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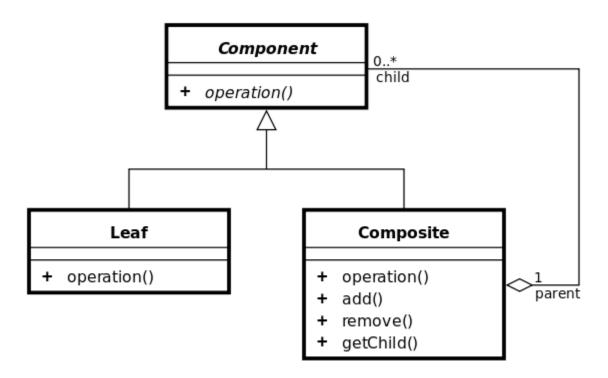


The Problem:

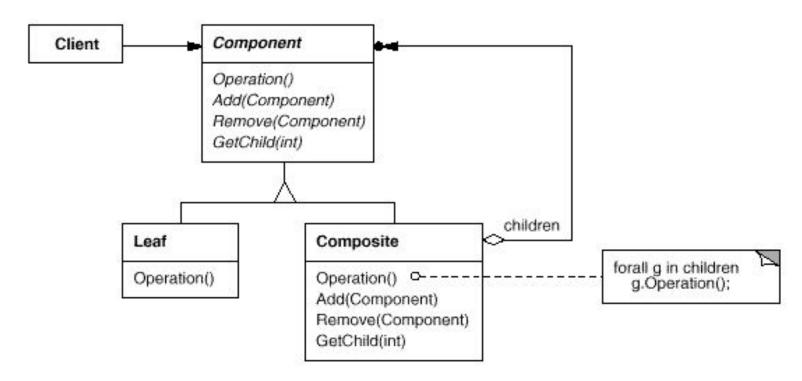
You want to create a structure that has recursive properties: parent objects that can have children that again are parents. You need to build a tree of objects, where objects can be both nodes and leaves.

Necessary e.g. for building composed graphics elements, or for building nested layout components.





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The Pattern:

- 1. Create either an abstract class / interface, which defines the methods that both leaf and node have in common.
- 2. Create a class for the leaf that implements this abstract class / interface.
- 3. Create a class for the node that also implements the abstract class / interface. The node has a list of your abstract class / interface as member.
- 4. If you implement the methods, iterate over the children and call their methods recursively.

Use if...

... you want objects to be connected in a tree structure.

... the client should be able to use the composed parent object the same way as leaf objects.

Let's touch some code.

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Consequences:

Allows for class hierarchies from primitive and composite objects.

Makes the access for a client object easier.

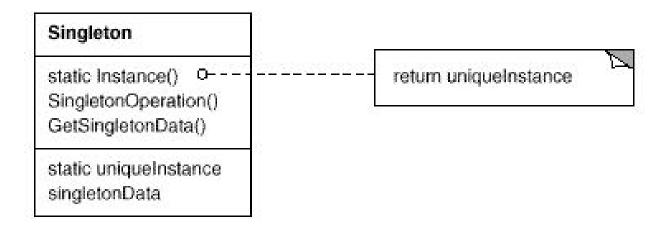
Simplifies adding of new composite or leaf objects.

Drawback:

It's hard to limit the breadth or depth of the hierarchy (needs runtime checks).

The Problem:

You have one very large class that holds many other objects, e.g. a database class. You need exactly one instance of it, because more would compromise your application's logic, or would be unnecessary allocation of memory.



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The Pattern:

- 1. In the class that you want to make a singleton, create a private static member of the same class that you call instance.
- 2. Make the constructor private.
- 3. Create a static method called getInstance() that returns your singleton instance. Check if it has been initialized, and if not, create it.

Use if...

... there should be exactly one instance of an object.

Let's touch some code.

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Consequences:

Access control to only instance by singleton class.

No need to hold instances of big object as global variables.

Drawback:

Makes it hard to test a class that uses the singleton instance.

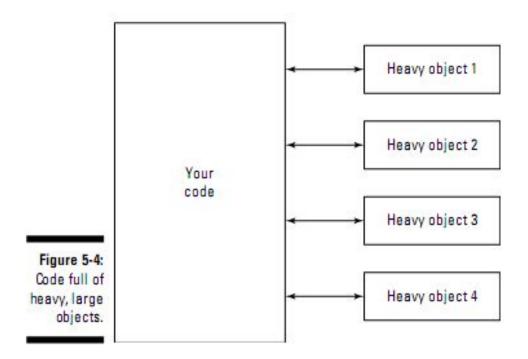
Alternative: Dependency Injection frameworks (e.g. Dagger)

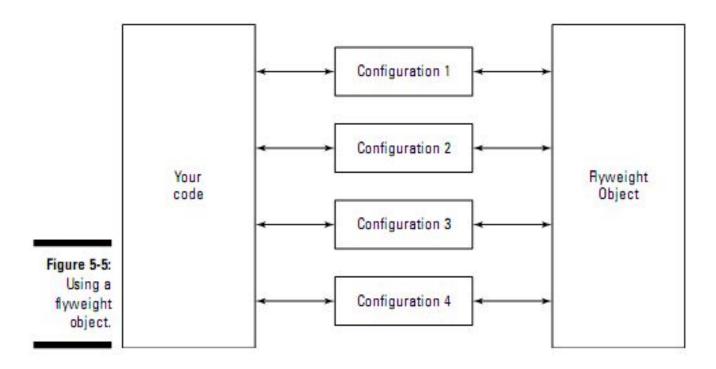


Singleton: explicitly only one object instance

Flyweight: Let one object look like it was many

Instead of creating many big objects, you create a set of small reusable objects: flyweights.





The Problem:

You have a large number of big objects, many of which are duplicates. You want to reduce their number and their weight.

The Pattern:

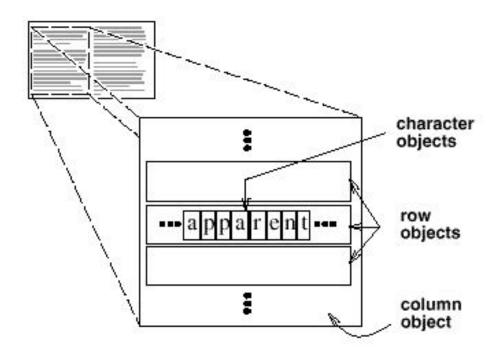
- 1. Identify objects or parts of a class that are repeated many times.
- 2. Create a pool class that can hold all items that are repeatedly used.
- 3. Use these items by getting the same instances from the pool repeatedly.

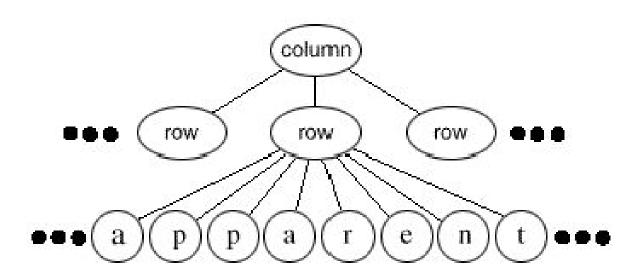
Example: Editor

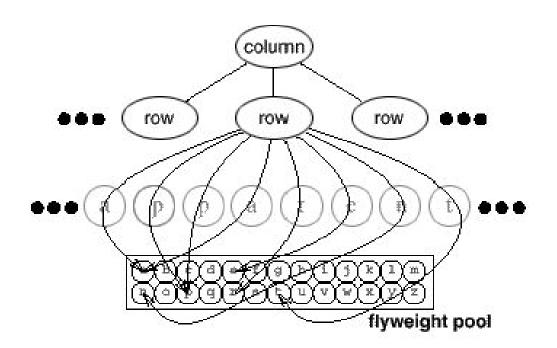
We want to display many characters at different positions (row, column).

It would be a waste of memory if we created a single object for every character.

Instread, we create a pool of all characters (flyweights), and display them at the respective positions.







A Flyweight is a shared object: **extrinsic state** vs. **intrinsic state**

Intrinsic state:

- Similarities of objects, properties that can be shared
- E.g.: shape of letter A

Extrinsic state:

- Properties that depend on context
- E.g.: the position (row, column) where letter A is

Extract the *intrinsic* state: **flyweight object**

Use if ...

... you have large duplicated intrinsic state,

... and you want to save resources.

Let's touch some code.

Consequences:

Reduces the number of object instances.

Reduces an object's intrinsic state to an object.

The more effective a flyweight is, the more resources are saved.

Often combined with composite.

The Problem:

Objects need to update their state depending on certain events.

Coupling them directly would make things complicated and reduce their reusability.

We want each object to update themselves if an event occurs.

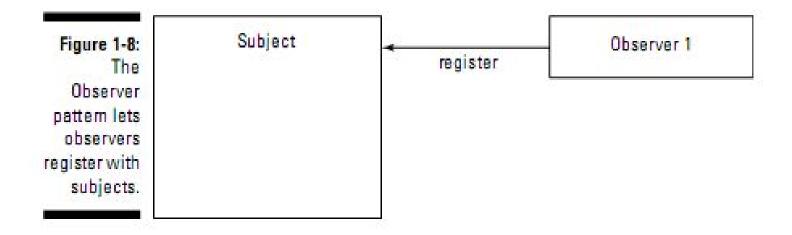
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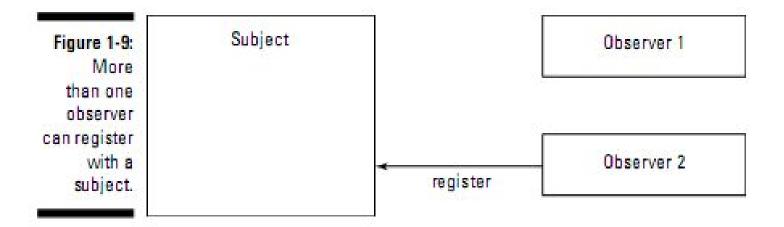
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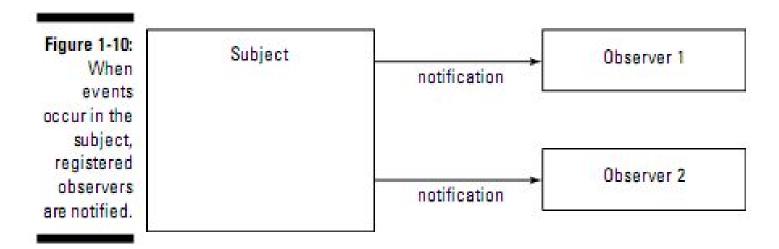
A 1..* relationship between objects, where the objects can be automatically notified and updated when the single object changes (event).

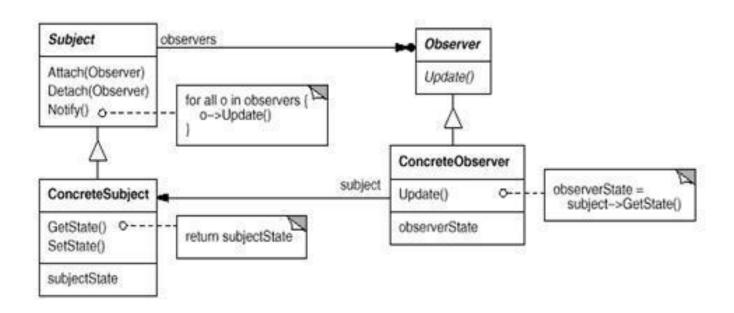
Implementations: e.g. EventListener, RxJava's Observer

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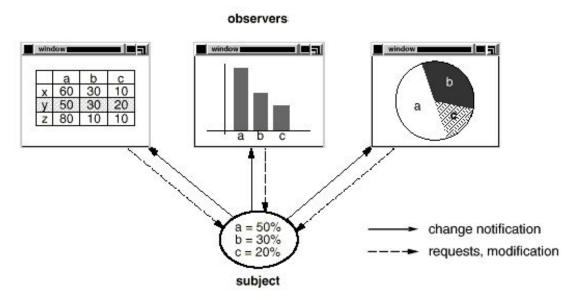
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The Pattern:

- 1. Create a Subject class and an Observer interface with a notify() method.
- 2. The Subject class holds a list of Observers. They are added to it by a method subscribe(Observer observer) and removed by unsubscribe(Observer observer).
- 3. A method accept() calls the notify() method on each subscribed observer.

- 4. All objects that want to be notified to update themselves need to implement the Observer interface, and subscribe to the subject.
- 5. If all objects should be updated, call the accept() method of the Subject.

Example: Graphic User Interface



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- Graphic displays depend on the same data source
- If data changes, all graphics change
- publish subscribe

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User if...

... two or more objects should depend on each other and be synchronized.

... if a change of one object should should cause change in another object, without necessarily knowing how many there are.

... an object should be able to notify other objects without knowing their identity.

Let's touch some code.

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Consequences:

Broadcast: The messages sent by subject don't need a receiver. Registered observers decide for themselves if they act upon the received message or ignore it.

Drawback:

Unwanted updates: the object calling the accept() method of the subject doesn't know about its observers. Consequences for sending the event can be underestimated.

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Thank you!

