

CS-665 Final Project

RPG Character Creation System designed
with Software Design Patterns



Design Patterns Used

- Factory Pattern (RaceFactory, JobFactory)

- Builder Pattern (CharacterBuilder)

- Facade Pattern (CharacterFacade)

- Strategy Pattern (D6, D20)

- Command Pattern (SetJobCommand, SetRaceCommand)

- Observer Pattern (Logger)

- Adapter Pattern (RuntimeTypeAdapterFactory)

- Cache Pattern (CharacterCache)



Summary

Pattern	Used In	Why It Was Needed
Factory	JobFactory, RaceFactory	To create built-in and custom jobs/races without modifying existing logic. Supports open/closed principle.
Builder	CharacterBuilder	To construct GameCharacter objects step-by-step with clear control over attributes.
Facade	CharacterFacade	To simplify character creation by exposing a unified interface and hiding complexity.
Strategy	DiceStrategy, D6, D20	To allow interchangeable dice logic for rolling stats. Promotes flexibility and reusability.
Command	SetJobCommand, SetRaceCommand	To encapsulate job/race changes and enable undo/redo functionality (extensible).
Observer	Logger	To decouple logging from character logic and track key updates in real time.
Adapter (Gson)	RuntimeTypeAdapterFactory + TypeAdapterUtil	To enable polymorphic serialization of abstract types (Race, Job, GameCharacter).
Cache	CharacterCache, CharacterCacheLO	To avoid reloading JSON files repeatedly and improve performance.

Factory Pattern

Sample

```
public static Job createJob(String jobName) {  
    switch (jobName.toLowerCase()) {  
        case "fighter": return new Fighter();  
        case "wizard": return new Wizard();  
        ...  
        default:  
            return  
customJobs.get(jobName.toLowerCase());  
    }  
}
```

- Centralizes object creation to **avoid hardcoding job instantiation** across the codebase.
- Makes it easy to **add new Job types** without modifying external logic — just extend the class and update the factory.
- Promotes **Open/Closed Principle**: code is open for extension, closed for modification.

Builder Pattern

Sample

```
CharacterBuilder builder = new  
CharacterBuilder(character);  
builder.setRace(race).setJob(job).rollStats(dice);  
GameCharacter result = builder.build();
```

- Used to **gradually construct complex objects** (GameCharacter) step-by-step.
- Prevents constructor overloads by breaking down into logical, **chainable** actions.
- Helps maintain clean and flexible character creation workflows.

Façade Pattern

Sample

```
CharacterFacade facade =  
CharacterFacade.fromNew("hero", "elf");  
facade.setJob("rogue");  
facade.rollStats(new D20(), new D6());  
GameCharacter character =  
facade.buildCharacter();
```

- Hides internal complexity of multiple components (builder, job/race setting, stats) behind a **single interface**.
- **Simplifies usage** of multiple patterns for the end user or main application.
- Encourages **separation of concerns** and better encapsulation.

Strategy Pattern

Sample

```
public interface DiceStrategy {  
    int roll();  
}
```

```
public class D20 implements DiceStrategy {  
    public int roll() { return new  
        Random().nextInt(20) + 1; }  
}
```

- Allows switching between **different dice-rolling algorithms** (e.g., D6 vs D20) at runtime.
- Enables **testing and tuning** of stat systems without changing underlying character code.
- Encourages modularity and reuse of logic.

Command Pattern

Sample

```
Command setJob = new  
SetJobCommand(character, "wizard");  
setJob.execute();
```

- Encapsulates job change actions as objects, supporting **undo/redo operations**.
- Useful for **history tracking**, debugging, and flexible game state management.
- Promotes **extensibility**, as new commands can be added without touching the core logic.

Observer Pattern

Sample

```
Logger logger = new Logger();  
logger.update("Job set to: wizard");
```

- Separates **logging/monitoring concerns** from business logic.
- Makes the system extensible for future observers (e.g., UI update, analytics).
- Keeps core logic clean and decoupled from side effects.

Polymorphic Serialization (Gson Type Adapter Factory)

```
Gson gson = new GsonBuilder()
```

```
.registerTypeAdapterFactory(TypeAdapterUtil.ch  
aracterAdapter())  
.create();
```

- It **adapts the generic Gson deserializer** to handle **abstract or interface types** (Race, Job, GameCharacter).
- Without it, Gson cannot directly instantiate subclasses of abstract classes like Race or Job.
- Crucial for saving custom job/race and characters to the assets folder (supplement cache)

Caching Pattern

Sample

```
CharacterCache.put("natasya", character);  
GameCharacter cached =  
CharacterCache.get("natasya");
```

```
CharacterCache.put("hero", character);  
CharacterCache.get("hero");
```

- Improves performance and **reduces file I/O** by reusing in-memory character data.
- Supports **quick lookups and preloading** without repeatedly deserializing files.
- Useful in games for fast access to previously used objects.

Best Practices & Quality

- JSON-based character persistence
- Modular and reusable codebase
- Javadoc-style documentation
- Defensive programming and exception handling
- Consistent checkstyle (Google Java)
- No SpotBugs issues

Key Learning Points

- **Design patterns don't always simplify implementation upfront**
 - Initially, patterns like **Facade**, **Command**, and **Factory** introduced more boilerplate code.
 - But they **significantly reduced coupling**, which made the code **much easier to fix and extend** when bugs appeared.
- **Adding features became more modular and intuitive**
 - New races and jobs could be added via JSON without touching core logic—thanks to **Factory Pattern** + **RuntimeTypeAdapterFactory**.
 - Supporting undo/redo or multiple dice configurations was just a matter of adding new classes implementing existing interfaces.
- **Refactoring was painful but extremely rewarding**
 - Refactoring across patterns (like consolidating dice rolls or serializing objects) introduced a risk of bugs.
 - But after refactoring, the system became **cleaner**, **scalable**, and much easier to reason about.
- **Pattern composition was powerful**
 - **Builder** + **Facade** helped manage the step-by-step creation of characters.
 - **Strategy** + **Factory** enabled dynamic behaviors and new logic without modifying existing implementations.
- **Debugging and testing became focused**
 - Patterns enabled **clear separation of concerns**, making it easier to write **unit tests per class**.
 - Bugs were often isolated to specific modules, reducing debugging scope.
- **Polymorphic serialization was non-trivial**
 - Implementing **RuntimeTypeAdapterFactory** required deep understanding of abstract types and Gson's limitations.
 - Once working, it enabled seamless save/load for any Job, Race, or Character.
- **Observer pattern encouraged good side-effect management**
 - Logging was cleanly abstracted, allowing you to observe important changes without touching business logic.
- **Overall: Patterns enhanced maintainability and scalability**
 - The final codebase was **ready for growth**, allowing other devs to add new classes or features without risk.
 - Design patterns made the system more **testable**, **clean**, and **future-proof**.

```

[INFO] -----< edu.bu.cs665:JavaProjectTemplate >-----
● (base) igotnowifiapple@Igotnowifis-MacBook-Pro LiewNatasya_cs665_project % mvn clean comp
[INFO] Scanning for projects...
[INFO]
[INFO] -----< edu.bu.cs665:JavaProjectTemplate >-----
[INFO] Building JavaProjectTemplate 1.0-SNAPSHOT
[INFO]   from pom.xml
[INFO] -----[ jar ]-----
[INFO]
[INFO] --- clean:3.2.0:clean (default-clean) @ JavaProjectTemplate ---
[INFO] Deleting /Users/igotnowifiapple/LiewNatasya_cs665_project/target
[INFO]
[INFO] --- resources:3.3.1:resources (default-resources) @ JavaProjectTemplate ---
[INFO] skip non existing resourceDirectory /Users/igotnowifiapple/LiewNatasya_cs665_proje
[INFO]
[INFO] --- compiler:3.13.0:compile (default-compile) @ JavaProjectTemplate ---
[INFO] Recompiling the module because of changed source code.
[INFO] Compiling 35 source files with javac [debug target 1.8] to target/classes
[WARNING] bootstrap class path not set in conjunction with -source 8
[INFO] -----
[INFO] BUILD SUCCESS
[INFO] -----
[INFO] Total time: 0.848 s
[INFO] Finished at: 2025-04-05T22:13:28-07:00
[INFO] -----
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```

⌘K to generate a command

Compile & Build (Maven)

```

[INFO]
● (base) igotnowifiapple@Igotnowifis-MacBook-Pro LiewNatasya_cs665_project % mvn exec:java -Dexec.mainClass="edu.bu.met.

[INFO] Scanning for projects...
[INFO]
[INFO] -----< edu.bu.cs665:JavaProjectTemplate >-----
[INFO] Building JavaProjectTemplate 1.0-SNAPSHOT
[INFO]   from pom.xml
[INFO] -----[ jar ]-----
[INFO]
[INFO] --- exec:1.3:java (default-cli) @ JavaProjectTemplate ---
[WARNING] Parameter 'killAfter' (user property 'exec.killAfter') is deprecated: since 1.1-alpha-1
Enter character name: test
Enter race (human, elf, orc, dwarf, or type your custom race): elf
Enter job (fighter, wizard, rogue, cleric, or type your custom job): hunter
Job not found. Register as custom? (y/n): y
Enter custom job ability: Hunt targets with agility and dexterity
[LOG]: Rolled job stats → ATK: 9, DEF: 5
[LOG]: Custom job 'hunter' has been registered and saved.
[LOG]: Job set to: hunter
Rolling stats using D20 + D6 dice...
[LOG]: Stats rolled with D20 + D6 bonus from race/job
Character: test
Race: Elf
Job: hunter
Stats → Strength: 49, Dexterity: 13, Intelligence: 14
Special Ability: Hunt targets with agility and dexterity
[INFO] -----
[INFO] BUILD SUCCESS
[INFO] -----
[INFO] Total time: 01:21 min
[INFO] Finished at: 2025-04-05T22:17:45-07:00
[INFO] -----
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```

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Run Output Demo

The screenshot displays an IDE interface with the following components:

- Project Explorer:** Shows the project structure with folders like `src`, `main/java/edu...`, and `test/java/edu...`. The `Main.java` file is selected.
- Terminal:** Displays the output of a Maven test command. It shows that all 23 tests passed successfully. The output includes:

```
[INFO] --- surefire:3.2.5:test (default-test) @ JavaProjectTemplate ---
[INFO] Using auto detected provider org.apache.maven.surefire.junit4.JUnit4Provider
[INFO]
[INFO] T E S T S
[INFO]
[INFO] Running edu.bu.met.cs665.character.CharacterBuilderTest
[INFO] Tests run: 3, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0.061 s -- in edu.bu.met.cs665.character.CharacterBuilderTest
[INFO] Running edu.bu.met.cs665.character.CharacterFileIOTest
[INFO] Tests run: 1, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0 s -- in edu.bu.met.cs665.character.CharacterFileIOTest
[INFO] Running edu.bu.met.cs665.character.GameCharacterTest
[INFO] Tests run: 1, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0 s -- in edu.bu.met.cs665.character.GameCharacterTest
[INFO] Running edu.bu.met.cs665.character.StatsTest
[INFO] Tests run: 2, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0 s -- in edu.bu.met.cs665.character.StatsTest
[INFO] Running edu.bu.met.cs665.character.CharacterFacadeTest
[INFO] Tests run: 1, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0.001 s -- in edu.bu.met.cs665.character.CharacterFacadeTest
[INFO] Running edu.bu.met.cs665.character.DefaultCharacterTest
[INFO] Tests run: 3, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0 s -- in edu.bu.met.cs665.character.DefaultCharacterTest
[INFO] Running edu.bu.met.cs665.dice.DiceStrategyTest
[INFO] Tests run: 2, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0.001 s -- in edu.bu.met.cs665.dice.DiceStrategyTest
[INFO] Running edu.bu.met.cs665.observer.LoggerTest
[INFO] Character created
[INFO] Tests run: 1, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0.001 s -- in edu.bu.met.cs665.observer.LoggerTest
[INFO] Running edu.bu.met.cs665.job.JobFactoryTest
[INFO] Tests run: 2, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0 s -- in edu.bu.met.cs665.job.JobFactoryTest
[INFO] Running edu.bu.met.cs665.job.JobFileIOTest
[INFO] Tests run: 1, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0 s -- in edu.bu.met.cs665.job.JobFileIOTest
[INFO] Running edu.bu.met.cs665.race.RaceFileIOTest
[INFO] Tests run: 1, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0 s -- in edu.bu.met.cs665.race.RaceFileIOTest
[INFO] Running edu.bu.met.cs665.race.RaceFactoryTest
[INFO] Tests run: 2, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0 s -- in edu.bu.met.cs665.race.RaceFactoryTest
[INFO] Running edu.bu.met.cs665.command.SetJobCommandTest
[INFO] Tests run: 1, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0 s -- in edu.bu.met.cs665.command.SetJobCommandTest
[INFO] Running edu.bu.met.cs665.command.SetRaceCommandTest
[INFO] Tests run: 2, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0 s -- in edu.bu.met.cs665.command.SetRaceCommandTest
[INFO]
[INFO] Results:
[INFO]
[INFO] Tests run: 23, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0
[INFO]
[INFO] BUILD SUCCESS
[INFO]
[INFO] Total time: 1.286 s
[INFO] Finished at: 2025-04-05T22:13:00-07:00
[INFO]
[base] igotnowifiapple@Igotnowifis-MacBook-Pro LiewNatasya_cs665_project %
```
- Chat Panel:** Contains a chat window with the text "make it concise." and a message stating: "Similar to the `RaceFileIO`, we need to create the `load` method in `JobFileIO`:".
- Code Editor:** Shows the implementation of the `JobFileIO` class, which includes a `load` method that reads JSON data from a file and returns a `Job` object.

JUnit Testing



SpotBugs Scan

```
[INFO] -----
(base) igotnowifiapple@Igotnowifis-MacBook-Pro LiewNatasya_cs665_projec
[INFO] Scanning for projects...
[INFO]
[INFO] -----< edu.bu.cs665:JavaProjectTemplate >-----
[INFO] Building JavaProjectTemplate 1.0-SNAPSHOT
[INFO]   from pom.xml
[INFO] -----[ jar ]-----
[INFO]
[INFO] --- checkstyle:3.1.0:checkstyle (default-cli) @ JavaProjectTemp
[INFO] Starting audit...
Audit done.
[INFO] -----
[INFO] BUILD SUCCESS
[INFO] -----
[INFO] Total time: 1.247 s
[INFO] Finished at: 2025-04-05T23:05:17-07:00
[INFO] -----
(base) igotnowifiapple@Igotnowifis-MacBook-Pro LiewNatasya_cs665_projec
```

Checkstyle Validation