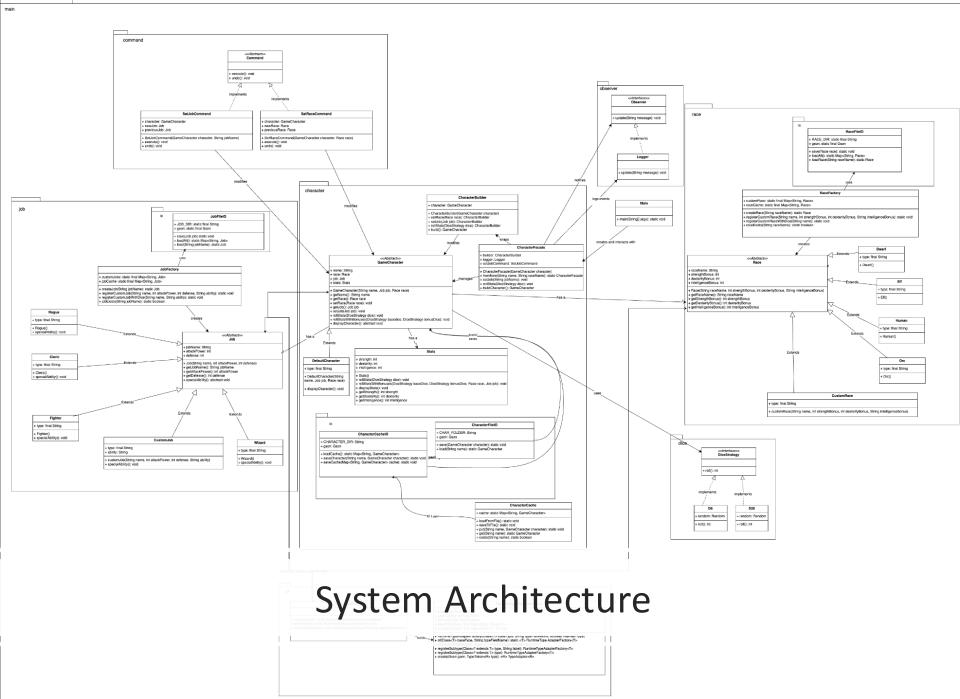
# CS-665 Final Project

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 ${\sf GameCharacter}$ 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.  |

```
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.

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.

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

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

- Allows switching between different dicerolling 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.

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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.

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.

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)

```
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.
- Butthey 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

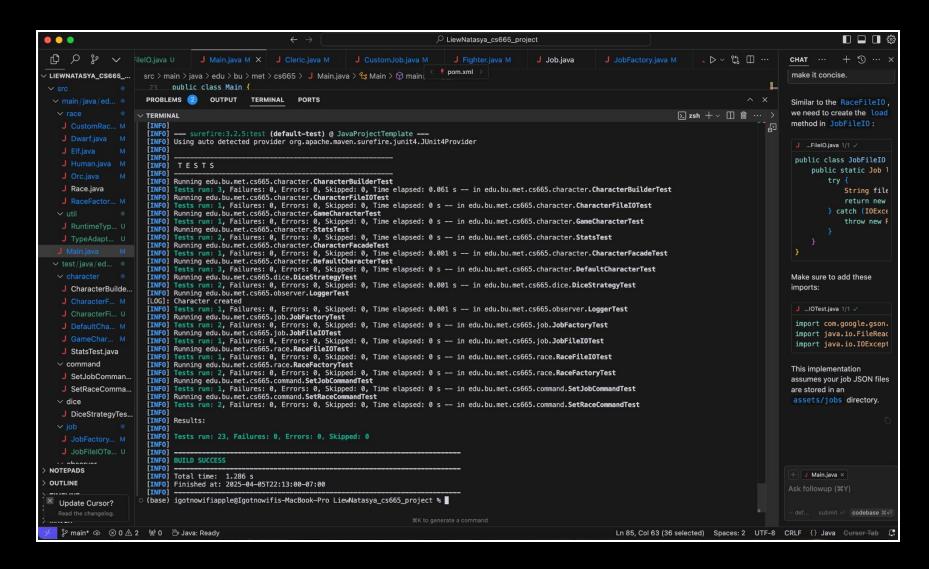
- The final codebase was ready for growth, allowing other devs to add new classes or features without risk.
- Design patterns made the system more testable, clean, and future-proof.

```
(base) igotnowifiapple@Igotnowifis-MacBook-Pro LiewNatasya cs665 project % mvn clean common
 [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] BUILD SUCCESS
 [INFO] ------
 [INFO] Total time: 0.848 s
 [INFO] Finished at: 2025-04-05T22:13:28-07:00
 [INFO] -----
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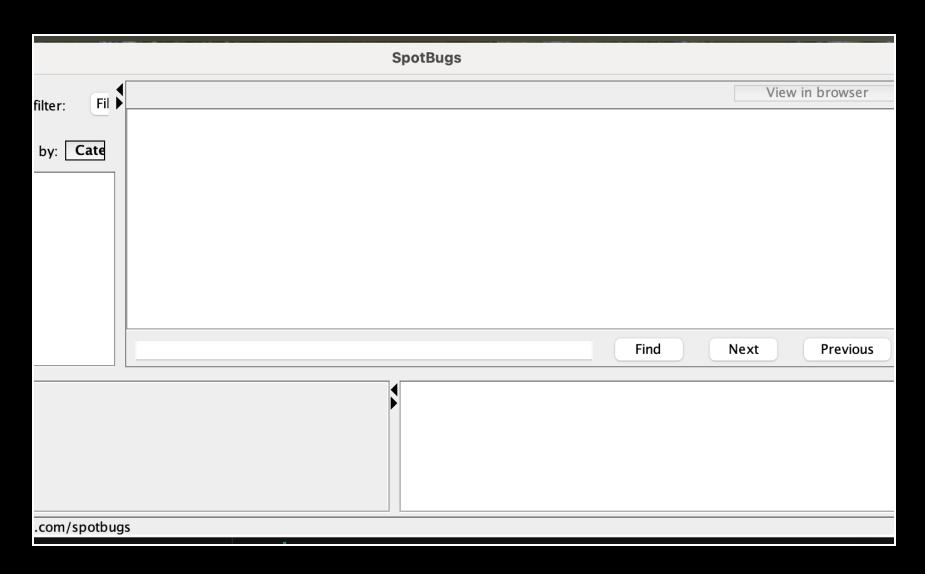
## Compile & Build (Maven)

```
(base) igotnowifiapple@Igotnowifis-MacBook-Pro LiewNatasya cs665 project % mvn exec:java -Dexec.mainClass="edu.bu.met.
 [INFO] Scanning for projects...
 [INFO]
 [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, roque, 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] -----
 (base) igotnowifiapple@Igotnowifis-MacBook-Pro LiewNatasya_cs665_project %
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## Run Output Demo



**JUnit Testing** 



SpotBugs Scan

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[INFO] Building JavaProjectTemplate 1.0-SNAPSHOT
      from pom.xml
[INFO]
[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
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