

Design Pattern Primer

Exercise: Decorator

Overview

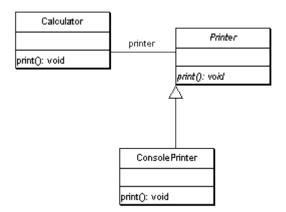
In this exercise, you will apply the Decorator pattern to the calculator implementation.

User Requirement

You need to utilize Java compiler and byte code interpreter to create and compile classes, methods, and fields.

Introduction

The Decorator patterns intent is to support adding disparate functionality to an existing implementation, dynamically without using inheritance. This exercise will abstract the printing function of the calculator implementation setting the stage for different types of printing capabilities. By default printing functionality will be console based. UML is shown below.



Additional functionality will be applied to by applying the Decorator pattern to Print abstraction so that an open-ended number of "decorating" behavior can be applied in a dynamic manner.

Source for this exercise is defined in the **db.lab.decorator** package.

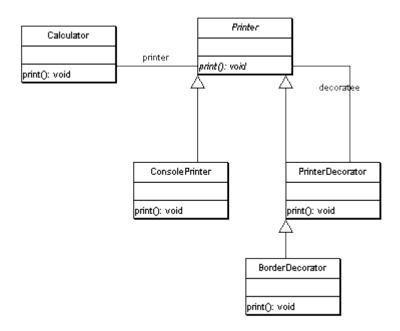
Exercise Instructions

1. Print design

In the **db.lab**.decorator package execute the Tester classes main method. Study the **Printer** class hierarchy and the role it plays in the Calculator's **print()** method implementation.

2. Implement the Decorator

Additional printing functionality can be applied using the Decorator pattern. This is accomplished by extending the abstract *Printer* with a *PrinterDecorator* class. Decorating classes are created with a reference to another *Printer* instance, the decorated instance. UML for this design is shown below, along with the class implementation for a *BorderDecorator* class. Implement this design.



```
public class BorderDecorator extends DecoratedPrinter {
    public BorderDecorator(Printer d) {
        super(d);
}

public void print(Calculator calc) {
        // output border lines

        System.out.println("========");
        getDecoratee().print(calc);
        System.out.println("=======");
}
```

3. Apply Decorator

Add the highlighted code shown to the Test classes main method. These expressions decorate the calculators *ConsolePrinter* with *BroderDecorator*. Execute the main method; basic calculator results displayed to the console should now be bordered.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
            // basic calculator
           System.out.println("* * Basic Calculator * *");
           Calculator calc = PrototypeFactory.basic();
            // install operations
            // Create Printer
           Printer printer = new ConsolePrinter();
            // Decorate Printer with Borders
           printer = new BorderDecorator(printer);
           calc.setPrinter( printer );
           calc.execute("+", 10.0);
           calc.print();
           calc.execute("/", 2.0);
           calc.print();
           // Scientific Calculator
           calc = PrototypeFactory.scientific();
           System.out.println("* * Scientific Calculator * *");
            //calc.log(10.0)
           calc.execute("+", 10.0);
           calc.execute("sin", 20.0);
           calc.print();
           calc.execute("log", 100);
           calc.print();
           // Programmer Calculator
           calc = PrototypeFactory.programmer();
           System.out.println("* * Programmers Calculator * *");
            //calc.log(10.0)
           calc.execute("+", 10.0);
           calc.execute("+", 20.0);
           calc.execute("bin");
           calc.print();
      }
```

4. Create a Date and Time Decorator

Create two more decorator classes, using the *BorderDecorator* as a guide. To test, modify the Tester main method so that these new Decorator classes decorate the current *BorderDecorator*. The results should therefore output border, date, time, and the current calculation.