

Day 17: The adapter design pattern

This pattern opens up the section on `Structural design patterns`! Structural design patterns are most concerned with stitching together components in a clear, extensible way.

Say we want to stitch **existing** incompatible components together. The adapter pattern shines here.

Take an already-existing `Logging` class like so:

```
1 class Logger {
2   def log(message: String, severity: String): Unit = {
3     System.out.println(s"${severity.toUpperCase}: $message")
4   }
5 }
```

Now say we also have some functionality we want to inject and *adapt* to this existing class, such as:

```
1 trait Log {
2   def info(message: String)
3   def debug(message: String)
4   def warning(message: String)
5   def error(message: String)
6 }
```

We can create an `adapter` class out of these two like so:

```
1 class AppLogger extends Logger with Log {
2   override def info(message: String): Unit = log(message, "info")
3
4   override def warning(message: String): Unit = log(message, "warning")
5
6   override def error(message: String): Unit = log(message, "error")
7
8   override def debug(message: String): Unit = log(message, "debug")
9 }
```

Two things to note:

1. This seems a more typical Java-like way to add functionality via interfaces.
2. Note that this example wouldn't work if the `Logger` class was `final`. One way to handle this is to slightly tweak your `is-a` / `has-a` relationship as such:

```
1 class FinalAppLogger extends Log {  
2   private val logger = new FinalLogger  
3  
4   override def info(message: String): Unit = logger.log(message, "info")  
5  
6   override def warning(message: String): Unit = logger.log(message, "warning")  
7  
8   override def error(message: String): Unit = logger.log(message, "error")  
9  
10  override def debug(message: String): Unit = logger.log(message, "debug")  
11 }
```

A small but subtle change. Scala also offers native adapter patterns via `implicit classes`:

```
1 implicit class FinalAppLoggerImplicit(logger: FinalLogger) extends Log {  
2  
3   override def info(message: String): Unit = logger.log(message, "info")  
4  
5   override def warning(message: String): Unit = logger.log(message, "warning")  
6  
7   override def error(message: String): Unit = logger.log(message, "error")  
8  
9   override def debug(message: String): Unit = logger.log(message, "debug")  
10 }
```

Now we can pretend we're just using a `FinalLogger` object! Implicit classes are nice, and ultimately just syntactic sugar for implicit conversions (via `defs`).