

# Design Patterns in Ruby (part 1)

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# Patterns

- Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software
  - Erich Gamma
  - Richard Helm
  - Ralph Johnson
  - John Vlissides

# Some Low-Hanging Fruit

- Factory Method – “Define an interface for creating an object, but let subclasses decide which classes to instantiate” ***Object.new*** is an example.
- Iterator – “Provide a method to access elements of an aggregate object without exposing its underlying representation” ***Enumerator.each*** is an example.

# Singleton

“Ensure a class only has one instance, and provide a global point of access to it.”

# Singleton Examples

## Constant

```
LOGGER = Logger.new
```

## Global

```
$logger = Logger.new
```

## Module

```
class Logger
  include Singleton
end
```

## Class

```
class Logger
  self.log(msg)
  @@log ||= File.open("log.txt", "a")
  @@log.puts(msg)
end
```

# Adapter

“Convert the interface of a class into another interface clients expect. Adapter lets classes work together that couldn't otherwise because of incompatible interfaces”

# Adapter Examples

## Pure

```
class Thing
  def move
  end
  def stop
  end
end

class ThingAdapter
  def initialize(thing)
    @thing = thing
  end

  def go
    @thing.move
  end

  def method_missing(name, *args)
    @thing.__SEND__(name, *args)
  end
end
```

## Reopen

```
class Thing
  def move
  end
  def stop
  end
end

class Thing
  def go
    move
  end
end
```

## Extend

```
class MetricRuler
  def measure
    #length in meters
  end
end

class ImperialRuler < MetricRuler
  alias_method :met_measure, :measure

  def measure
    met_measure * 1.0936133
  end
end
```

- Pure – when you do not want to or cannot (for cultural reasons) modify the existing class definition.
- Reopen – when the method you want to call doesn't exist in the class definition.
- Extend – when the method exists but the output is not suitable for the client.

# Template Method

“Defines the skeleton of an algorithm in an operation, deferring some steps to subclasses. Template Method lets subclasses redefine certain steps on an algorithm without changing the algorithm’s structure.”



# Template Method Example

## Definitions

```
class Game
  def setup_board
  end

  def play
  end

  def put_away
  end

  def play_game
    setup_board
    play
    put_away
  end
end
```

```
class Chess < Game
  def setup_board
    # arrange chess pieces
  end
end

class Monopoly < Game
  def setup_board
    # shuffle cards
    # distribute money
  end
end
```

## Usage

```
game = Monopoly.new
game.play_game
```

# Abstract Factory

“Provide an interface for creating families of related or dependent objects without specifying their concrete classes.”

# Abstract Factory Example

## Definitions

```
module AbstractGameFactory
  def create(title)
    raise NotImplementedError, "Needs to be implemented"
  end
end

class RpgGameFactory
  include AbstractGameFactory

  def create(title)
    Rpg.new title
  end
end

class BoardGameFactory
  include AbstractGameFactory

  def create(title)
    Board.new title
  end
end

class Game
  def initialize(title)
    this.title = title
  end
end

class Rpg
end

class Board
end
```

## Usage

```
games = []
game_list = [{type: "rpg", name: "World of Warcraft"}, {type: "board", name: "Monopoly"}]
game_list.each do |game|
  if game[:type] eq "rpg"
    games << RpgFactory.create game[:title]
  elsif game[:type] eq "board"
    games << BoardFactory.create game[:title]
  end
end
```

# Rubyish Abstract Factory

## Definitions

```
module AbstractGameFactory
  def create(type, title)
    raise NotImplementedError, "Needs to be implemented"
  end
end

class GameFactory
  include AbstractGameFactory

  def create(type, title)
    klass = Object.const_get(type.to_s.capitalize)
    klass.new title
  end
end
```

```
class Game
  def initialize(title)
    this.title = title
  end
end

class Rpg < Game
end

class Board < Game
end
```

## Usage

```
games = []
game_list = [{type: "rpg", name: "World of Warcraft"}, {type: "board", name: "Monopoly"}]
game_list.each do |game|
  games << GameFactory.create game[:type], game[:title]
end
```

# Chain of Responsibility

“Avoid coupling the sender of a request to its receiver by giving more than one object a chance to handle the request. Chain the receiving objects and pass the request along the chain until an object handles it.”

Ruby's method dispatch is a form of Chain of Responsibility.

# Chain of Responsibility Example

## Definitions

```
class Link
  def initialize(next_in_line)
    @next_in_line = next_in_line;
  end

  def process(request)
    return if handle(request)
    @next_in_line.process(request)
  end

  def handle(request)
    raise NotImplementedError "error"
  end
end
```

```
class FirstLink < Link
  def handle(request)
    if request.instance_of? String
      puts "It's a string"
      return true
    end
    false
  end
end

class SecondLink < Link
  def handle(request)
    if request.instance_of? Double
      puts "It's a double"
      return true
    end
    false
  end
end

class ThirdLink < Link
  def handle(request)
    puts "It's something else"
    true
  end
end
```

## Usage

```
irb> chain = FirstLink.new(SecondLink.new(ThirdLink.new(nil)))
irb> chain.process String.new("Hi")
  It's a string
irb> chain.process Double.new("1.00")
  It's a double
irb> chain.process nil
  It's something else
```

# Chain of Responsibility, con't

Ruby allows us to do something interesting with Chain of Responsibility:

```
def method_missing(name, *args)
  @next_in_line.__SEND__(name, *args)
End
```

With this, “links” in the chain do not have to have the same interface.

# Strategy Pattern

“Define a family of algorithms, encapsulate each one, and make them interchangeable. Strategy lets the algorithm vary independently from clients that use it”



# Strategy Pattern Example

## Definitions

```
class CashPaymentStrategy
  def process(order)
    # process cash payment
  end
end

class CreditCardPaymentStrategy
  def process(order)
    # do processing via merchant account
  end
end

class PaypalPaymentStrategy
  def process(order)
    # do processing via paypal
  end
end

class PaymentStrategyFactory
  self.create(order)
    if order.payment_method eq :credit_card
      return CreditCardPaymentStrategy.new
    elsif order.payment_method eq :paypal
      return PaypalPaymentStrategy.new
    end
    CashPaymentStrategy.new
  end
end
```

## Usage

```
order = Order.new
payment_strategy = PaymentStrategyFactory.create(order.payment_method)
payment_strategy.process(order)
```

# Bridge (a.k.a Double Abstraction)

“Decouples an abstraction from its implementation so that the two can vary independently.”

# Bridge Example

## Definitions

```
class Vehicle
  def initialize(movement)
    @movement = movement
  end

  def forward(distance)
    @movement.forward distance
  end
end

class Car < Vehicle
  def forward(distance)
    super distance
  end
end

class Bicycle < Vehicle
  def forward(distance)
    super distance
  end
end
```

```
class Movement
  def forward(distance)
    # move forward
  end
end

class SlowMovement < Movement
  def forward(distance)
    super (distance * .75)
  end
end

class FastMovement < Movement
  def forward(distance)
    super (distance * 1.5)
  end
end
```

## Usage

```
car = Car.new(FastMovement.new)
car.forward

bicycle = Bicycle.new(SlowMovement.new)
bicycle.forward
```

# Rubyish Bridge Example

## Definitions

```
require 'rubygems'
require 'active_support'
```

```
class Vehicle
  include Moveable, Turnable

  def initialize(move, turn)
    self.extend move.to_s.camelize.constantize
    self.extend turn.to_s.camelize.constantize
  end

  def location
    puts "X = #{x}, Y = #{y}"
  end
end
```

```
class Car < Vehicle
end
```

```
class Bicycle < Vehicle
end
```

## Usage

```
irb> car = Car.new(:fast_mover, :wide_turner)
irb> car.go(50).turn(50,:left,45).go(50).location
X = 196, Y = 84
irb> bicycle = Bicycle.new(:slow_mover, :tight_turner)
irb> bicycle.go(50).turn(50,:left,45).go(50).location
X = 70, Y = 80
```

```
module Moveable
  def go(distance)
    # move forward
  end
end

module FastMover
  include Moveable
  alias_method :old_go, :go

  def go(distance)
    old_go (distance * 1.50)
  end
end

module SlowMover
  include Moveable
  alias_method :old_go, :go

  def go(distance)
    old_go (distance * 0.75)
  end
end

module Turnable
  def turn(direction, angle)
    # change direction
  end
end

module TightTurner
  def turn(distance, direction, angle)
    # turn quick
  end
end

module WideTurner
  def turn(distance, direction, angle)
    # turn slowly
  end
end
```

# Credits

- Quotes about each pattern come straight out of the Design Patterns book.
- While I've tried to come up with unique examples, many are inspired by existing blog posts and wiki pages.

# There's More

Repo: [http://github.com/john-fitzpatrick/design\\_patterns](http://github.com/john-fitzpatrick/design_patterns)

Design Patterns Will Return!